

ACTS: By His Spirit

Acts 9: Transformed

Saul, the Terrorist . . .

- ▶ Acts 8:1,3

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. (I Timothy 1:15,16)

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples . . . (Acts 9:1a)

Jesus, the Transformer . . .

- ▶ How is God's Spirit getting my attention?

³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:3,4)

- The 3 Deadly **Ds**
 - **D** enial
 - **D** elusion
 - **D** efiance

► Who is God's Spirit bringing
into my life?

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple name Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." (Acts 9:10-12)

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. (Acts 9:15)

► Where do I need God's Spirit
to intervene?

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may **see again** and **be filled** with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 9:17)

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
(II Corinthians 5:17)