

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

Acts 9:1-31 ESV

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When you have an encounter with Jesus you are changed...

1. **Spiritually**—v. 17 Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - a. ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight **and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

2. **Physically**—v. 8 Left for Damascus
 - a. ⁸ **Saul rose from the ground**, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So, they led him by the hand and **brought him into Damascus.**v. 18—Baptized
 - b. ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. **Then he rose and was baptized;**

3. **Mentally**—v. 19 Stayed with the Disciples
 - a. ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. **For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.**

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

Old Covenant—Deuteronomy 30:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

New Covenant—Hebrews 10:4; :10; :18; (ESV)

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

“Imagine how difficult it would be to coach a team where each player refuses to follow because he or she has a better plan than the coach. Welcome to the American Church in the twenty-first century.” –Francis Chan