

# Transformed

ACTS  
9

BY HIS SPIRIT



# Saul the Terrorist...

## ACTS 8:1

<sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing him [Stephen]. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

## ACTS 8:3

<sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.



## I TIMOTHY 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

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<sup>16</sup> But 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.

## ACTS 9:1A

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples...



Jesus the Transformer...

How is God's Spirit  
getting my attention?



## ACTS 9:3,4

<sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

# The 3 Deadly D's



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- Denial



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- Delusion



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- Defiance

ACTS 9:3,4

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Who is God's Spirit  
bringing into my life?

## ACTS 9:10-12

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.



## ACTS 9:10-12

<sup>11</sup> The 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. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

## ACTS 9:15

<sup>15</sup> But 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.



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Where do I need God's  
Spirit to intervene?

## ACTS 9:17

<sup>17</sup> Then 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.”



<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come: The  
old has gone, the new is here!

II CORINTHIANS 5:17