

When Was Saul of Tarsus Saved?  
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**Introduction:**

Welcome every one.

**Discussion:**

- I. Read Acts 9:1-20 and Comment
  - A. Story of Saul's conversion has become very controversial.
  - B. Men have made it that way. But it is really a very simple story.
  
- II. This Morning I want to clear up the controversy once and for all
  - A. Answer the question - "When was Saul of Tarsus saved?"
    - i. On the road to Damascus?
    - ii. In the City of Damascus?
  
- III. Two important scriptures to start - 1st Thes 5:21 and Acts 17:10-12.
  - A. We must let the scriptures speak!
  - B. What men think is unimportant?
    - i. Your preacher, etc.
    - ii. You must look for the answer yourself.
    - iii. Your salvation is at stake!
    - iv. Matt. 15:1-4 "Blind leading the blind ... fall into the ditch."
  
- IV. A Point Not Controversial
  - A. Acts 2:21 and Rom. 10:13
    - i. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.:"
  
- V. When did Saul of Tarsus "call on the name of the Lord?"
  - A. On the Road to Damascus or In the City of Damascus
  - B. What do the Scriptures say?
    - i. Acts 22:1-16 "Saul's own words"
    - ii. Acts 9:10-18 - Jesus told Ananias what to say!
  
- VI. Saul didn't "call upon the name of the Lord until after he was in the city of Damascus, not while still on the road!
  - A. That's when he was saved.
  - B. There is nothing controversial about that at all
  - C. Very simple and straight forward.

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**Conclusion:**

- I. Even though Saul "believed in Jesus on the road to Damascus", he did not "call upon the name of the Lord" until after he arrived in the city.
  - A. Therefore, That's when he was saved.
    - i. Acts 22:16; Acts 9:18; Actrs 2:21.
  
- II. There's a big difference between "Believing in Jesus" and "Calling upon the name of the Lord"
  - A. Rom 10:8-14 (esp. vs13-14)
  - B. John 1:10-12 - "Power to become sons of God..."
  - C. Matt 7:21
  
- III. The Invitation
  - A. Study for yourself
  - B. Don't take anyone's words for granted - 1st Thes 5:21; Acts 17:11
    - i. Preachers or parents.
    - ii. Your eternal destiny is too important to do otherwise.