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OUR OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST

“Men, brothers and fathers, listen to me as I make my defense before you!” When they heard him speaking to them in Hebrew, they were even quieter, and Paul went on. “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up here in Jerusalem as a student of Gamaliel. I received strict instruction in the Law of our ancestors, and was just as dedicated to God as all of you are here today.

I persecuted to the death the people who followed this Way. I arrested men and women and threw them into prison. The High Priest and the whole Council can prove that I am telling the truth. I received from them letters written to the Jewish brothers in Damascus, so I went there to arrest these people and bring them back in chains to Jerusalem to be punished.

As I was traveling and coming near Damascus, about midday a bright light from the sky flashed suddenly around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?’ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute,’ he said to me.

PRACTICAL WORK

- Tell your family about Saul’s conversion.
- Be baptized yourself, and those of your family who believe. (If you have been baptized before, as a Christian, but then turned away from God, and now wish to follow Him again, you must confess the damage you have done to yourself and others, and trust God’s forgiveness. Thank Jesus for forgiving you all your sins and ask him to help you change and build a close, fulfilling relationship with Him in your life once again.)

Study and Practical Work Done

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- Pray, and feed on God's Word
(Matthew 4:4, Matthew 6:5-13)
- Give
(Matthew 6:19-20)
- Evangelize (win obedient followers for Jesus Christ)
(Matthew 28:18-20)

LEARN BY HEART

(Words of the Lord Jesus) *“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I will be with you always, to the end of the age!”*

(Matthew 28:18-20)

The men with me saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me.

I asked, “‘What shall I do, Lord?’ and the Lord said to me, “‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything that God has determined for you to do.’

I was blind because of the bright light, and so my companions took me by the hand and led me into Damascus. There was a man named Ananias, a religious man who obeyed our Law and was highly respected by all the Jews living in Damascus. He came to me, stood by me and said, ‘Brother Saul, see again!’

At that very moment I saw again and looked at him. He said, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see his righteous servant, and hear him speaking with his own voice. For you will be a witness for him to tell all men what you have seen and heard. And now, why wait any longer? Get up and be baptized and have your sins washed away by calling on his name.’”

(Acts 22)

This is an account of the conversion of the Apostle Paul. What other name did Paul have? S _____

What evil things did Saul do before he was converted?

What happened to his eyesight?

Who prayed for his sight to be restored?

What did Ananias tell Saul to do at the end of the account?

Saul obeyed. He was baptized. Afterwards, he started winning others as obedient followers of Jesus Christ.

Christ ordered that we should make disciples who would obey all his commandments. (Learn this list of commandments by heart. Underline any that you still need to obey.) Some of Christ's basic commands for his disciples are:

- Repent and believe
(Mark 1:15)
- Be baptized
(Mark 16:16)
- Love God and our neighbor
(Matthew 22:37-39)
- Share in the Lord's Supper
(Luke 22:17-20)