

# THE NEW APOSTLE

## ACTS 9:20-31

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: From the start, Saul preached the most important message.

**PREACHED THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD.** “If Jesus is the Son of God, then Jesus is God. God does not err. If Jesus is God, Jesus does not err. Everything Jesus tells us can be trusted.” James Montgomery Boice, *Acts*, p. 158. (**Acts 9:20-21, fn 9:20, John 1:1, fn 1:1[1<sup>st</sup>], John 8:58, fn 8:58, John 10:30, fn 10:30, Colossians 1:15, fn 1:15, 16**) *Saul knew that Jesus was God. How do you know, and is it evident in your life?*

**PREACHED THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST.** Saul proved from the Old Testament Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ, the one who saves us and frees us from our sin. (**Acts 9:22, fn 9:21, 22, Acts 10:43, fn 10:43, Isaiah 53:1-12, fn 53:1ff, fn 53:4, 5, fn 53:7-12**) *How does your life show that not only has Jesus saved you, but He has also freed you from your past sin?*

**PREACHED BUT SUFFERED FOR JESUS.** The brothers helped rescue Saul for future ministry. (**Acts 9:23-31, fn 9:29, 30, Acts 9:15, 16, II Corinthians 11:23-29, fn 11:23-29, I Peter 4:1, 2, fn 4:1, 2**) *How does sin lose its power when you suffer for persecution?*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*

