

‘SURPRISED BY REVELATION’

Reading: Acts 9: 1 - 22

- **The conversion of Saul of Tarsus**
- **“Lord, make me chaste - but not yet.”**

(Augustine)

1. Persecuting (v.5)

- ‘Christians’ were perverting our faith in God. [the accusation...]
- ““Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”” (Acts 9:5–6)
- Blindness... Vision!

1. Persecuting (v.5) 2. Proving (v.22)

- “At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.” (Acts 9:20)
- ‘Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.’ (Acts 9:21–22)

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- ****Saul gave approval*** to stoning of Stephen
- *On that day ***a great persecution*** broke
- *Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But **Saul began to destroy the church!**
- This passage is about **a 'Revelation'!**

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- ‘I did not receive it [the gospel] from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.’
(Galatians 1:12)

