

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 9:23-31

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26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

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Acts 9:22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

### (3) A New Fight, 9:23-25

(a) How the Conspiracy Was Formed,  
9:23-24

Acts 9:23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:  
24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

Jn. 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

1 Jn. 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Gal. 1:17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then **after three years** I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

Someone has said, 'A wolf will never attack a painted sheep.' Counterfeit Christianity is always safe. Real Christianity is always in peril. To suffer persecution is to be paid the greatest of compliments because it is the certain proof that men think we really matter."

Barclay, William. *The Acts of the Apostles*. The Daily Study Bible series. 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 196, p. 77. <http://www.soniclight.com/constable/notes/htm/NT/Acts/Acts.htm> - edn497

## (b) How the Conspiracy Was Foiled, 9:25

Acts 9:25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

2 Cor. 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

33 And **through a window in a basket** was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

**(4) A New Fellowship, 9:26-29**



(a) Saul's New Brother in the  
Lord, 9:26-27

Acts 9:26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but **they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.**

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Prov. 29:25 **The fear of man bringeth a snare:** but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Barnabas pointed out three indications that Saul's conversion was genuine for the benefit of the Christian skeptics:

1. "...how he had seen the Lord in the way..." = SALVATION
2. "...and that he had spoken to him..." = SANCTIFICATION
3. "...and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus." = SERVICE

(b) Saul's New Boldness in the Lord,  
9:28-29

Acts 9:28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

## (5) A New Future, 9:30-31

### (a) A Period of Retirement for Saul in Tarsus, 9:30

Acts 9:30 *Which* when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Gal. 1:21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;  
22 And was unknown by face unto **the churches** of Judaea which were in Christ:

23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

(b) A Period of Rest for the Saints at  
Jerusalem, 9:31

Acts 9:31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

New International Version

Then **the church** throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

New American Standard Bible

So **the church** throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

### Holman Christian Standard Bible

So **the church** throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace, being built up and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, and it increased in numbers.

### Douay-Rheims Bible

Now **the church** had peace throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria; and was edified, walking in the fear of the Lord, and was filled with the consolation of the Holy Ghost.

### King James Bible

Then had **the churches** rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

<http://biblehub.com/acts/9-31.htm>

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## Conclusion

1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For ***there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, **to be testified** in due time.