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**Unshakeable: Part 3**

**Acts 9:1-31**

**• This is God’s Word.**

**• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.**

**• It has God for its author,**

**• salvation for its end,**

**• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.**

**• It is the supreme source of truth**

**• for what we believe**

**• and how we live.**

**Saul was Lost**

**Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. Acts 9:1-2**

**This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. 1 Timothy 1:15**

**Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Philippians 2:9-10**

**Saul Met Jesus**

**As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” Acts 9:3-4**

**Salvation Always Begins with God!**

**For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. John 6:44**

**Saul Surrendered His Will to the Lord**

**“Who are you, lord?” Saul asked. And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone’s voice but saw no one! Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. Acts 9:5-8**

-At the moment of surrender Saul became a new man.

-All of Saul’s zeal and effort could not save him. But the minute he surrended, he was saved. ***“But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away, - tis all that I can do.”***

-Now as we look down a few verse we discover that Saul is praying. He didn’t know what was next, but he knew who to go to for answers…

**Saul was Radically Changed**

**He was Baptized**

**Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. Acts 9:18**

**He Joined with Other Believers**

**Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. Acts 9:19**

**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25**

**He Immediately Began to Share the Gospel**

**And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is indeed the Son of God!” Acts 9:20**

**He Continued to Grow in His Faith**

**Saul’s preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn’t refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. Acts 9:22**

**He Faced Opposition**

**After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him. Acts 9:23**

**What’s Your Story?**