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I Saw The Light

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Saul of Tarsus

Nazarene:

The one they hung on the cross

On that day a great persecution
broke out against the church in
Jerusalem, and all except the
apostles were scattered
throughout Judea and Samaria.

Acts 8:1 NIV

Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Acts 8:2-3 NIV

Saul thought...
he was doing the right thing!

Saul was a misled,
religious zealot. A violent man.
Really, really, really scary.

If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods”

Deut. 13:6 NIV

...gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), do not yield to them or listen to them. Show them no pity. Do not spare them or shield them.

Deut. 13:6-8 NIV

You must certainly put them to death. Your hand must be the first in putting them to death, and then the hands of all the people.

Deut. 13:9 NIV

Stone them to death, because they tried to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Deut. 13:10 NIV

But then...
something happened.

Saul saw the light!
Everything changed,
including his name:
Paul.

“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem.

Acts 9:13 NIV

**“And he has come here with
authority from the chief priests to
arrest all who call on your name.”**

Acts 9:14 NIV

But the Lord said to Ananias,
“Go! This man is my chosen
instrument to proclaim my name
to the Gentiles and their kings
and to the people of Israel.

Acts 9:15 NIV

I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

...Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

Acts 9:16,19 NIV

Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 9:22 NIV

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.

Acts 9:31 NIV

“It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.”

Acts 15:19 NIV

Philippians 3:7-14

Something happened.

Paul saw the light!

Who we are matters.
Who you are matters.
Your influence matters.

**Your past, your indiscretions,
your sins, your shortcomings,
your misunderstandings, your
self-perception, your family history,
your misunderstandings...**

They do not matter!

What matters?

Have you seen the light?

Again Jesus spoke to them,
saying, “I am the light of the
world. Whoever follows me will
not walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life.

John 8:12 NIV

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not
overcome it.

John 1:5 NIV

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should remain in darkness.

John 12:46 NIV

Paul was asked how to be saved...

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Acts 16:31 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Eph. 2:8 NIV

For we are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared
in advance for us to do."

Eph. 2:9 NIV

...you “are justified freely by his
grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3:24 NIV

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:29 NIV

Have you seen the light?