

I. Introduction

- A. Someone has said, “An honest, but mistaken man, once shown the truth, either ceases to be mistaken, or ceases to be honest.”
- B. I want to talk to you about a honest but mistaken man who was shown the truth, accepted it and ceased to be mistaken.
- C. His name was Saul.

II. Saul was a:

- A. Religious man (Phil. 3:4-6)
 - 1. In today’s world, people think that if one is religious (it doesn’t matter what kind) they are alright.
 - 2. And if you try to convert them, you can be strongly criticized.
 - 3. Jesus taught that it takes more than just being religious (Matt. 15:9; 7:13-14; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Jno. 9-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-2))
- B. Sincere religious man (Acts 23:1)
 - 1. “Surely a sincere religious man is right with God!” they say.
 - 2. Jesus taught it take more (Matt. 7:21-23); it takes the truth (Jno. 8:32).
- C. Zealous sincere religious man (Acts 22:3)
 - 1. And again it takes more (Rom. 10:1-3)

III. Saul was an honest man

- A. When confronted with the truth – accepted it, obeyed it (Acts 9:1-9)
- B. He goes into the city and prays and fasts
- C. The preacher tells him...
- D. Questions:
 - 1. When was he saved?
 - a) When he saw the light? No, it was to make him an apostle (Acts 26:17-18)
 - b) After he prayed? No, he hadn’t been told what to do (Acts 9:6)
 - c) After he fasted? No, he hadn’t been told what to do (Acts 9:6)
 - d) He was saved when he accepted and obeyed Ananias’ words (Acts 22:16)
 - 2. What saved him?
 - a) The vision? No, it was to make him an apostle (Acts 26:17-18)
 - b) Praying, No, he prayed for three days and he still hadn’t been told what to do.
 - c) Fasting? No, he fasted for three days and he still hadn’t been told what to do.
 - d) Water? No, the blood of Christ did, (Eph. 1:7) but only after he was baptized (Rom. 6:3-7)

IV. Saul was a converted man

- A. His life changed
 - 1. Preached the way that he had once tried to destroy (Acts 26:19-20)

V. Saul (Paul) was a contented man (Phil. 4:11-13; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)

- A. If we life right, we’ll die right!
- B. Comes when we are honest

VI. Conclusion

- A. That’s the life of a honest man!
- B. “An honest, but mistaken man, once shown the truth, either ceases to be mistaken, or ceases to be honest.”