Exploring Faith: A New Life
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A Christian's Journey

Believe

Trust

Obey

A New Life

-Good News (The Gospel)
-Salvation

-God Created Everything
-The Bible is True
-Jesus really lived

The Story of Paul, ..or Saul

› What books in the Bible did Paul write?

› Romans

› 1 & 2 Corinthians

› Philippians

› Galatians

› 1 & 2 Thessalonians

› Philemon

› Ephesians

› 1 & 2 Timothy

› Titus

Before Saul was a Christian...

› Before he was a Christian, Paul was a pharisee.
- Pharisee: a member of a Jewish sect ....noted for strict observance of rites and ceremonies of the written law and ....their own oral traditions concerning the law

What did the Bible say about him?

- Acts 9: Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest [2] and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

What did Saul believe?

Believe

› At this point, did Saul believe in the Old Testament?
› Did he believe the Bible was accurate?
› Did he believe Jesus was a real person?
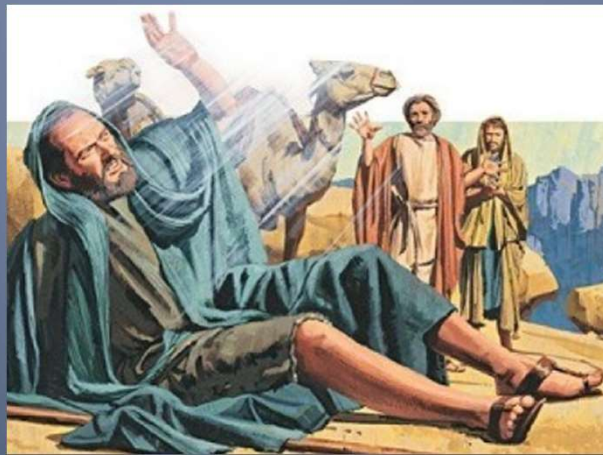› BUT…. Did Paul have salvation in Jesus Christ?

Paul's Conversion

Saul's Conversion and Escape Bible Animation (Acts 9:1-30) (youtube.com)
Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-19) (youtube.com)

Paul Truely accepted Jesus as Savior

› **Acts 9:17** Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

The most important decision

› Sometimes we are a lot like Saul before he accepted Jesus. Why do you think?

› Just like Jesus changed Saul and even gave him a new name, he will change us… if we let him.

› 2 Corinthians 5: 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!