



**Synopsis**

*A snapshot of the chapter*

In this middle section of Acts, Luke leads up to the conversion of the first Gentile by telling of an Ethiopian's faith (8) and the changing of a persecuting Jew named Saul (9). The roadblock to Saul's attempted destruction of Christianity is the appearance of the Lord Himself. This startling turn of events is completed when a nervous Ananias is sent to Saul with the gospel message. After his conversion, Saul himself begins to preach Christ. After returning to the fearful disciples in Jerusalem, he is accepted first by Barnabas, then the apostles, and finally the church. He returns to Tarsus. Peter then performs two great miracles: the healing of Aeneas at Lydda and raising Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead at Joppa.

**Observation**—What do you see?

*Important Person(s):*

*Main Event(s):*

**Study Questions:**

1. *In what ways was Saul exemplary during his change from persecutor to Christian?*
2. *What did Saul have to do to obey Christ and be saved? (see also Acts 22:16)*
3. *How did the church in Jerusalem respond to Saul after he became a Christian?*
4. *To what extent did the church continue to grow in this time period?*
5. *What role did Peter's miraculous activities play in the overall story of Acts?*

**Questions:**

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- 3.