

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Grace Changes  
Everything

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### Scriptures:

Acts 9:1-31

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**Theme:** Grace changes everything, so grow in the grace of God.

**Introduction:** Grace is God's goodness and loving-kindness to the undeserving. The life of Saul is powerful testimony to that truth. By the grace of God, he was transformed from an enemy of God and his church into a Christian and an apostle.

There is one point in this text:

### 1. Grace changes everything

Saul began by breathing out threats and murder against Christ's disciples. He was a committed opponent of God and his church.

On the road to Damascus, the Lord pursues and transforms Saul, not because of Saul's initiative, but because of the Lord's. The Lord calls him, "Saul, Saul."

The Lord is not far removed from us. He knows each of us intimately and perfectly.

In grace, God calls us to lead a life of obedience. The Lord does not keep us from the good. Rather, to obey him is to live for the good.

Though Jesus spoke to Saul directly, he also sent him to Ananias, that he might play a part in the conversion of Saul.

Part of what motivates our obedience is the knowledge that a love we have not earned is a love we cannot lose.

Our failures and disobedience do not ruin God's grace. They are occasions for us to turn to the Lord for grace in his forgiveness and to grow as his disciple.

We are all hardwired by God to share about what we care about, so as we enjoy God's grace we will proclaim it.

Because of grace, our sinful past does not disqualify us, but it may become a platform for us to proclaim God's redemption.

### Questions:

1. How has God been gracious to you?
2. How do you need his grace? How are you suffering or struggling?
3. Are you sharing the grace of God with others?