Scripture:	Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Acts 9:1-22
Singing:	121:1, 3 – 435:9 – 334:1-4 – 182:1, 3, 7, 8 – 173

## Saul's Conversion

- I. Saul's conversion changed the Christian world
- II. Saul's conversion from a human perspective was most unlikely 1. He didn't seek for it but resisted it fiercely
  - 2. He was as an enraged beast (Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2; Gal. 1:13)
  - 3. He was convinced he was right as he fought for Jehovah (Acts 26:9)
- III. Saul's anger and violence was rooted in *ignorance* and *insecurity* 1. He admitted his ignorance: 1 Tim. 1:13
  - 2. Jesus exposed his insecurity: Acts 9:5; 26:14-15
- IV. Saul's conversion was not only unlikely but also singular unique
- V. Saul explained his own conversion: 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8; Gal. 1:15-16

## **Applications and Reflections**

- A. We all need what Paul described in 2 Cor 4:3-6
  - 1. for we remain *unconverted* by being blinded the 'god of this world' a. Satan uses endless varieties of lies to blind us to Gospel
  - 2. To be *converted* is to be freed from Satan's grip by truth of vs. 6
- B. Though Saul's conversion was unique, his spiritual life is *universal* 
  - 1. You will have an increasing conviction of sin & sinfulness: 1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8; 1Tim. 1:15; Rom. 7:24)
  - 2. You will be convinced that *all we are and do are filthy rags your* Phil. 3:7-8
  - 3. You will have eyes for Jesus' only (Acts 4:12; Phil. 3:9-10; Gal. 6:14

4. You will have one focus: What will thou have me to do? (Acts 9:6)