

# **BIBLE 403**

## **SAUL BEGINS TO LIVE FOR GOD**

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# SAUL BEGINS TO LIVE FOR GOD

Sometimes a person may be unkind toward Christians because the Christians seem happy, and he is not happy. He may not say this. In fact, he will probably try to hide his true feelings. However, God created all human beings, and He knows what is going on in the thoughts of each person. The Holy Spirit sometimes causes a person to be unhappy for a while, so that the person will want to know what can cause him to have true joy. The Holy Spirit can persuade someone that to have true joy a person must obey God. That person will obey

by asking Jesus to forgive his sin. Next, he will ask what God's will is for his life. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, he will be a new creature. His life's goals will be changed. He will want to do those things which please God.

In this LIFE PAC® you will read about someone who became a new creature. This true story is described three times in the Bible. More space is given to it than to any other event except the **Crucifixion** and **Resurrection** of the Lord Jesus Christ. This story tells of the **salvation** of Saul of Tarsus who became the **apostle** Paul.

## OBJECTIVES

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFE PAC.

When you have finished this LIFE PAC, you should be able to:

1. Explain how and why Saul persecuted Christians.
2. Describe some results of the Resurrection of Jesus.
3. Locate the story of Paul in the Bible and identify its author.
4. Describe how Stephen's death was related to Saul's salvation.
5. List the events leading to the salvation of Saul in the order in which they happened.
6. Describe Saul's family background and early training.
7. List some works of the Holy Spirit.
8. Describe some results of the salvation of Saul.
9. List the thirteen New Testament books which Paul wrote.
10. Write 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4 from memory.
11. Define new vocabulary words.

# VOCABULARY

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFE PAC.

**Apostle** (u pos' ul). One of the men who had been called by Christ to go forth and preach the Gospel.

**Crucifixion** (krü' su fik' shun). The putting to death of Christ on the Cross.

**Epistle** (i pis' ul). A letter.

**High Priest** (hī' prēst'). Head Jewish religious leader.

**mission** (mish' un). Business or purpose in life; being sent on some special work.

**missionary** (mish' un er' ē). A person whose business in life is to tell others about Christ.

**persecution** (per' su kyü' shun). Treating badly.

**rabbi** (rab' ī). A Jewish teacher.

**resurrection** (rez' u rek' shun). Raised from the dead and coming to life again.

**Resurrection** (rez' u rek' shun). Jesus raised from the dead and coming to life again.

**salvation** (sal vā' shun). Being saved from sin and its punishment by the blood of Christ shed when He died on the Cross.

**scribe** (skrib). A person who studied and taught the Jewish Law.

**synagogue** (sin' u gôg). A place where Jewish people gathered together to worship God.

**threat** (thret). Statement of what will be done to harm or punish someone.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFE PAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, āge, cāre, fār; let, ēqual, tērm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

# I. SAUL PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS

Luke was chosen by God to write the book of Acts. In Acts chapter 9, Luke writes about Saul of Tarsus, before and after Saul became a **missionary** for Christ. In Acts

chapters 22 and 26, Luke wrote the exact words Saul used in telling others how Jesus saved him and changed his life.

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section you, should be able to:

1. Explain how and why Saul persecuted Christians.
2. Describe some results of the Resurrection of Jesus.
3. Locate the story of Paul in the Bible and identify its author.
4. Describe how Stephen's death was related to Saul's salvation.
5. List the events leading to the salvation of Saul in the order in which they happened.
10. Write 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4 from memory.
11. Define new vocabulary words.

## **Restudy these words.**

Apostle  
Crucifixion  
High Priest  
missionary

persecution  
rabbi  
Resurrection

salvation  
synagogue  
threat



**Read Acts 22:4; 9:1; 26:9 and 10;  
and 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and 14.**

## **SAUL FORCES CHRISTIANS OUT OF JERUSALEM**

Saul had his mind full of plans for getting rid of Christians. He hunted for them. Then he tried to make them say they did not believe in Jesus. He did this by throwing them into prison or threatening to kill them. This **persecution** was so terrible that the

Christians had to leave their homes. They were forced to run away from Jerusalem. Some went far away to Damascus (du mas´ kus), Syria. Saul was known as the cruelest enemy of Christians.

Wherever the believers in Jesus went, they continued to tell the true story that Jesus Christ had died on the Cross for sinners and was buried, but God raised Him from the dead. Saul thought they were telling a lie when the Christians said that Jesus

was alive. He did not believe in the **Resurrection** of Jesus. He continued his terrible **threats** to kill Christians because he thought he was doing God a favor by getting rid of these people.



**Complete these statements.**

- 1.1 According to the Scriptures (Bible) \_\_\_\_\_ died for our sins.
- 1.2 Christ was buried, and He \_\_\_\_\_ the third day according to the Scriptures.
- 1.3 If Christ be not \_\_\_\_\_, then our preaching is vain (empty, without meaning) and your faith is also vain (1 Cor. 15:14).
- 1.4 Saul wanted to get rid of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.5 A Christian is a person who believes that Jesus has died for \_\_\_\_\_ and is now alive.



**Answer these questions.**

- 1.6 What does persecution mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.7 Why did Christians have to leave their homes in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.8 Who was the most cruel enemy of Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.9 Did Saul think he was pleasing God by killing Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.10 What teaching did Saul think was a lie? \_\_\_\_\_



**Read Acts 9:1 and 2; 22:5; and 26:10–12.**

### **SAUL PLANS A TRIP**

Saul planned to travel the one hundred fifty miles to Damascus to capture any followers of Jesus he could find there. Then he hoped to bring them back to Jerusalem to be punished. He didn't expect any problem in carrying out his plan. He was carrying letters from the **High Priest** in Jerusalem. The letters asked the **rabbis** in the Damascus **synagogue** to give Saul any help he needed in capturing Christians.

The Christians knew that Saul was on his way there. They knew about the terrible things he had done in Jerusalem. They knew what to expect. They trembled at the thought of his tearing apart or killing their families. Maybe some of them prayed that Saul would come to understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Do you suppose that some of them were praying that God would change Saul from a hater to a lover of Jesus?

Saul was still thinking of his duty to destroy this Nazarene (naz' uh

rēn') teaching. Jesus grew up in Nazareth; therefore, He was called "Jesus of Nazareth" or a "Nazarene." Those who loved Jesus were glad to be called followers of the Nazarene. When His enemies wanted to show how much they hated Jesus and His followers, they called them "Nazarenes."



### **Complete these statements.**

- 1.11 Letters from the High Priest asked the rabbis in the Damascus synagogue to help \_\_\_\_\_ capture Christians.
- 1.12 Their enemies showed how much they hated Christians by calling them \_\_\_\_\_ .



**Write 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4 on the following lines.**  
You will be asked to write it from memory later in this LIFEPAK.

1.13

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## SAUL TRAVELS TO DAMASCUS

Saul and his group continued to ride toward Damascus. He was going to make the Jewish leaders proud of him. He was planning to march boldly into Damascus!

Saul was not alone as he traveled, but we do not know who traveled with him. Perhaps they were an army of guards from the Temple. Luke, who wrote the book of Acts, where this story is found, does not tell us.

Saul's thoughts were also traveling with him. He thought about the look he had seen on the face of a Christian named Stephen as Stephen was being killed. (Acts 6:8, 10, and 15 and 7:54-60) Saul remembered seeing that same peaceful look on the faces of other believers as they, too were being harmed or killed because they refused to stop believing and obeying Jesus. This peaceful look bothered Saul. Saul did not understand it then, but the Holy Spirit of God was helping them. He did not understand that the Holy Spirit was reminding them of words Jesus had said to them. They were remembering that Jesus had

promised they would go to heaven. Saul asked himself why these people were willing to die for this teaching. He wondered why they didn't just "give it up" and live.

He remembered the words Stephen had prayed. Stephen knew he was dying, but he wasn't afraid because he was sure he was going to heaven to be with Jesus. Saul had heard Stephen beg the Lord to forgive those who were killing him. Saul had taken part in the killing. He agreed that Stephen should be killed. In fact, to show how pleased he was about Stephen's death, Saul guarded the robes of the people who threw stones at Stephen. They could not do their hateful work while they were wearing their long robes, and no one could be allowed to steal their clothes. Saul also heard Stephen say, "Look, I see heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." Of course, Saul believed that Jesus was still dead.

The Holy Spirit had put these thoughts about Stephen in Saul's





mind as he hurried to Damascus. Saul may have wondered if Gamaliel (gu mā' lē ul), an important teacher, could be right. Gamaliel had said, "If this teaching is of God, nobody can stop it. They will find themselves fighting against God." Saul knew that,

so far, persecution hadn't stopped it. Wherever the Christians went, they were spreading this teaching. The Christians were not silent. But, he would silence them! He insisted that Jesus was not alive.



### Match these items.

- 1.14 \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen was peaceful when he died because
- 1.15 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul guarded the clothes of the killers because
- 1.16 \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen saw Jesus in heaven because

- a. He was pleased about Stephen's death.
- b. he knew he was going to heaven.
- c. Jesus was alive from the dead.
- d. Saul was his friend.



### Answer these questions.

- 1.17 Who wrote the book of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.18 Who reminded believers of the words Jesus had said to them? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.19 People were traveling with Saul. What else was traveling with him as he went to Damascus? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.20 Saul remembered the peaceful look on Stephen's face. What else did Stephen do that Saul remembered? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.21 How did Saul show that he was pleased about Stephen's death? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.22 Who was causing Saul to think about Stephen's peaceful look and his prayer for his killers? \_\_\_\_\_
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**Self Test**



Review the material in this section to prepare for the Self Test. The Self Test will check your understanding of this section. Any items you miss on this test will show you what areas you need to restudy.

## SELF TEST 1

**Write the letter for the correct answer** (each answer, 3 points).

- 1.01 The book of Acts was written by \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Saul                      b. Stephen                      c. Luke
- 1.02 The \_\_\_\_\_ wrote letters to rabbis in Damascus.  
a. High Priest              b. Saul                      c. Jesus
- 1.03 Saul thought that the teaching of the \_\_\_\_\_ was a lie.  
a. persecution              b. Nazareth                      c. Resurrection
- 1.04 Christians were called \_\_\_\_\_ by their enemies.  
a. Nazareth                      b. Nazarenes                      c. persecutors

- 1.05 It was because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus that Stephen saw Jesus in heaven.  
a. persecution    b. Resurrection    c. death
- 1.06 The chief persecutor of the Christians was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Saul    b. High Priest    c. Rabbi
- 1.07 Jesus grew up in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Syria    b. Damascus    c. Nazareth
- 1.08 Saul wanted to get rid of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Christians    b. rabbis    c. robes
- 1.09 The \_\_\_\_\_ helped persecuted believers to remember the promises Jesus had made to them.  
a. High Priest    b. rabbis    c. Holy Spirit
- 1.010 The man who asked the Lord to forgive his killers was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Stephen    b. Saul    c. Gamaliel

**Match these items.** Use some answers more than once (each answer, 2 points).

- |             |   |                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 1.011 _____ | known as the most cruel enemy of Christians           | a. Saul         |
| 1.012 _____ | rose again from the dead                              | b. Jesus Christ |
| 1.013 _____ | thought God wanted him to destroy Christians          | c. Christians   |
| 1.014 _____ | Christians were forced to run away from this place.   | d. Damascus     |
| 1.015 _____ | believed that Jesus died and rose again from the dead | e. Jerusalem    |
| 1.016 _____ | died on the Cross for sins                            | f. Stephen      |
| 1.017 _____ | a hater of Jesus planned a trip to this place         |                 |
| 1.018 _____ | didn't believe in Resurrection of Jesus               |                 |
| 1.019 _____ | letters were written for rabbis in this place         |                 |
| 1.020 _____ | wanted Stephen to die                                 |                 |

**Complete these items** (each answer, 4 points).


- 1.021 The head Jewish religious leader was called the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.022 The word which means that Jesus was raised from the dead is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.023 The important teacher, Gamaliel, said that people couldn't stop teaching which comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.024 The verses in the Bible which tell that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day are found in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1.025 Saul was traveling from Jerusalem to \_\_\_\_\_ to persecute Christians.

**Answer these questions** (each answer, 5 points).

- 1.026 How did Saul persecute Christians? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.027 Write 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4 from memory. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.028 What was the cause of Saul's persecution of Christians?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 1.029 What is the meaning of 1 Corinthians 15:14? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Answer true or false** (each answer, 2 points).

- 1.030 \_\_\_\_\_ Persecution was stopping the teaching of the Resurrection.
- 1.031 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul carried stones from the High Priest to Damascus.
- 1.032 \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen prayed that God would kill Saul.
- 1.033 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul thought that persecuting Christians was what God wanted.
- 1.034 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul was alone as he traveled to Damascus.

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## II. GOD CHANGES SAUL'S PLANS

Saul and his group had already started on the journey to Damascus to capture Christians. Saul had thought for a while about the way Christians

were peaceful when they were persecuted for Jesus. However he still believed that their teaching was wrong.

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Locate the story of Paul in the Bible and identify its author.
5. List the events leading to the salvation of Saul in the order in which they happened.
6. Describe Saul's family background and early training.

**Restudy these words.**

resurrection

scribe



**Read Acts 9:3–9; 22:6–21; and 26:4–16.**

### JESUS SPEAKS TO SAUL

Saul was getting closer and closer to Damascus. Suddenly, a bright light from heaven—brighter than the sun—shined down. It was like a spotlight on Saul. He fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice calling his name, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Why are you working so hard against me?) Saul answered, “Who art thou, Lord?” (Who is speaking, Lord?) The voice said, “I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest.” Saul was trembling and very surprised. Then he said, “Lord,



what wilt thou have me to do?" (Lord, what do You want me to do?) The Lord told him to get up and go into the city and he would be told what he must do. The men who were traveling with him were very surprised. In fact, they were speechless. They had heard a voice but they couldn't understand

the words. They didn't see anyone. They couldn't figure out this event.

When Saul opened his eyes, he couldn't see a thing. He had been blinded by the light from heaven so they had to take him by the hand. They had to *lead* him into the city.



**Complete this activity.**

2.1

Pretend that you are Saul and you have been persecuting Christians. Tell how you feel. Start with these words:

I was so sure the Christians were wrong. Jesus couldn't be alive. But He just talked to me. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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**Answer these questions.**

2.2

People traveling with Saul were puzzled about hearing the voice but not seeing anyone. What word in the story means they were "unable to speak"? \_\_\_\_\_

2.3

What caused Saul to be blinded? \_\_\_\_\_

2.4

Who called Saul's name after he fell to the ground?

\_\_\_\_\_



### Complete these activities.

There are many cause and effect happenings in the story of Saul of Tarsus.

*Cause* means the person, thing, or event that makes something happen.

*Effect* means what is caused or what happened.

See if you can find the cause and effect in these sentences.

The first one is done for you.

The Christians ran away to Damascus because Saul was persecuting them.

a. the cause Saul was persecuting the Christians.

b. the effect The Christians ran away to Damascus.

2.5

The bright light shined down, and Saul was blinded.

a. the cause \_\_\_\_\_

b. the effect \_\_\_\_\_

2.6

Saul wanted Stephen to die. He guarded the clothes of the killers.

a. the cause \_\_\_\_\_

b. the effect \_\_\_\_\_



**Read Acts 9:9; 21:39–22:15; 23:6–8; and 26:4 and 5.**

## SAUL'S LIFE IS CHANGED

Saul had planned to enter Damascus boldly and proudly. However, he arrived in quite a different way. For three days he was blind. For three days he went without food and drink. He needed this time to

think. Things had happened so suddenly!

He had much to think about. He had kept all of God's laws given in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. He had thought that

keeping these laws would get him into heaven.



#### **The scribes studied and taught the Law.**

He had also been so proud that he was a Pharisee (far´ uh see) and not a Sadducee (sad´ yu see). The Sadducees, he knew, did not believe in angels. They didn't think there was a life after death or a **resurrection**. They did not think God was worried about the kind of life they lived. That is why they got as much power and money as they could. Saul was glad the Pharisees were against these ideas. The Pharisees knew that there were angels. They knew people would be raised from the dead. They believed that God judged people after they died according to the kind of life they had lived. That is why they wanted to keep every part of God's Law. In fact, their **scribes** made laws of their own to try to stop people from breaking God's Law.

Saul was remembering his parents and his home. He knew that his father had started teaching him the Law when he was just three years old. His father probably was a Pharisee. Saul's parents learned and obeyed all the rules. They taught these rules to him. They would not eat eggs a hen laid on the Sabbath. They would not carry a stick or light a fire on the Sabbath. Saul knew his parents had carefully guarded his life against anything that was wrong.

Saul's father had also taught him how to make tents. His parents didn't want their boy to be only a tentmaker, though. They wanted him to be a teacher of the Law of Moses. So, when he was about fourteen years old, they took him to Jerusalem to the synagogue school. His teacher was the important rabbi named Gamaliel.



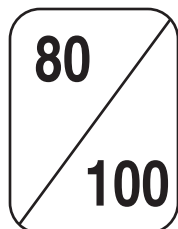
**Gamaliel taught Saul.**



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## LIFEPAC TEST



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Match these items** (each answer, 2 points).

- |    |       |              |    |                                      |
|----|-------|--------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | _____ | Ephesians    | a. | reminded believers of words of Jesus |
| 2. | _____ | Jesus Christ | b. | name for Christians                  |
| 3. | _____ | Nazarenes    | c. | number of books Paul wrote           |
| 4. | _____ | thirteen     | d. | an Epistle of Gamaliel               |
| 5. | _____ | Holy Spirit  | e. | raised from the dead                 |
|    |       |              | f. | an Epistle of Paul                   |

**Place the events in the correct order.** Write *a* beside what happened first, *b* beside what happened second, and so on (each answer, 2 points).

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul follows Christians to Damascus.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul sees Stephen die.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul preaches about Jesus in Jerusalem.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul asks Jesus what He wants him to do.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul is born in Tarsus.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul persecutes Christians in Jerusalem.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul suffers for Jesus.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul is taught by Gamaliel.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Saul sees Jesus on the Damascus Road.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul dies and goes to heaven to be with Jesus.

**Write the letter for the correct answer** (each answer, 3 points).

16. Three chapters in the Bible which tell of Saul's Salvation are \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. Luke chapters 9, 22, and 26
  - b. Acts chapters 9, 22, and 26
  - c. Romans chapters 9, 22, and 26
17. Saul was a \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. Pharisee
  - b. Gamalian
  - c. Sadducee
18. Saul saw Jesus on the road to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. Nazareth
  - c. Damascus

19. The Holy Spirit changed Saul from a hater to a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.  
a. lover                                      b. persecutor                                      c. rabbi
20. The letters Paul wrote to churches and people were called \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Epistles                                      b. Apostles                                      c. Testaments
21. Gamaliel taught Saul from the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Old Testament                                      b. Acts                                      c. New Testament
22. Paul made missionary \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.  
a. Epistles                                      b. persecutions                                      c. journeys
23. God told \_\_\_\_\_ to go to see Saul in the house of Judas.  
a. Stephen                                      b. Ananias                                      c. Luke
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ told Paul what to write in the letters to the churches.  
a. High Priest                                      b. Holy Spirit                                      c. rabbis
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ said that one day Jesus would come to die for sins.  
a. Old Testament                                      b. rabbis                                      c. persecutors

**Complete these items** (each answer, 4 points).

26. Saul was born in \_\_\_\_\_ .
27. Saul learned from his father how to make \_\_\_\_\_ .
28. The chief enemy of Christians was \_\_\_\_\_ .
29. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ tells the story of Saul's salvation.
30. Saul wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to be stoned to death.

**Answer these questions** (each numbered answer, 5 points).

31. What are the exact words found in 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4?

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32. What is the meaning of the word "resurrection"?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. How did Saul come to find out that Jesus is alive?\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Which books written by Paul are not listed here? List them below.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians

b. \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

c. \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Titus

e. \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOTES

Saul and the other boys sat at the feet of the teacher. There was only one book from which to learn. That was the Old Testament. Saul came to know it well.

Saul thought of Tarsus (tar' sus), the important city where he was born and grew up. The people there were eager to learn. How Saul loved to learn! He learned Greek, the language which the people in Tarsus spoke. Since his family were Jews, they also taught him Hebrew. This was the language spoken and read in the synagogue.

He had thought that all this good training and rule keeping would make him good enough for heaven. Now, the living Jesus had spoken to him and told him that he was working against God not for God. He thought back to some of the Old Testament people who had worked for God. As they obeyed, the Holy Spirit gave them power and made them strong

for God. This experience had happened to Samson, Elijah, and others.

Saul thought about some other things the Old Testament said. He remembered that Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms told that one day a leader chosen by God would come. Until Jesus had spoken to him on the road to Damascus, he thought that Jesus couldn't be this leader because He was dead. Now the Holy Spirit was helping him to understand that this leader was Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God: He did die for sins as the Old Testament said He would (Isaiah 53:6). The Christians were right and he had been wrong.

God knew that Saul had thought he was doing the right thing so Jesus appeared to him. He knew that Saul really wanted to know and to do what was right. Saul wondered what Jesus would want him to do now.



**Write true or false.**

- 2.7 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's parents were godly.  
2.8 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul was a Sadducee.  
2.9 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul thought that keeping God's laws would get him into heaven.  
2.10 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul entered Damascus in just the way he had planned.  
2.11 \_\_\_\_\_ The living Jesus spoke to Saul.  
2.12 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees believed in angels.  
2.13 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees did not think there was a life after death.

- 2.14 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees didn't work on the Sabbath.
- 2.15 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees believed that keeping God's laws would get them into heaven.
- 2.16 \_\_\_\_\_ The Sadducees believed people would be raised from the dead.
- 2.17 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees believed that God would judge people after they died according to how they had lived.
- 2.18 \_\_\_\_\_ The scribes made laws to try to stop people from breaking God's Law.



**Answer these questions.**

- 2.19 What was the name of Saul's teacher? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.20 What is a synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



**Complete these statements.**

- 2.21 Two languages which Saul learned were a. \_\_\_\_\_ and b. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.22 In the books of Moses, in the a. \_\_\_\_\_, and in the b. \_\_\_\_\_, it says that one day God's leader will come.
- 2.23 Saul grew up in a place called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.24 The \_\_\_\_\_ gave power to people like Samson and Elijah to work for God.



Review the material in this section to prepare for the Self Test. The Self Test will check your understanding of this section and will review the first section. Any items you miss on this test will show you what areas you need to restudy.

## SELF TEST 2

**Match these items** (each answer, 2 points).

- |      |       |   |                  |
|------|-------|---|------------------|
| 2.01 | _____ | a language Saul studied                   | a. Holy Spirit   |
| 2.02 | _____ | Saul's teacher                            | b. Old Testament |
| 2.03 | _____ | Saul's school book                        | c. New Testament |
| 2.04 | _____ | didn't believe in resurrection            | d. Pharisees     |
| 2.05 | _____ | the Son of God                            | e. Sadducees     |
| 2.06 | _____ | made people who obeyed,<br>strong for God | f. Gamaliel      |
|      |       |   | g. Hebrew        |
|      |       |   | h. Jesus Christ  |

**Place these events in the correct order** (each answer, 2 points).

- Saul gets letters from the High Priest.
- Christians flee to Damascus.
- Saul follows Christians to Damascus.
- Saul persecutes Christians in Jerusalem.
- Jesus asks Saul why he is persecuting Him.

- 2.07 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.08 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.09 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.010 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the letter for the correct answer** (each answer, 3 points).

- 2.012 Saul's parents were \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Sadducees      b. Gamalians      c. godly
- 2.013 Saul's father taught him to make \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. books      b. tents      c. candles
- 2.014 Saul heard \_\_\_\_\_ speak to him from heaven.  
a. Stephen      b. Gamaliel      c. Jesus
- 2.015 Saul learned the \_\_\_\_\_ language.  
a. Greek      b. Spanish      c. English
- 2.016 Saul grew up in a place called \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a. Nazareth      b. Tarsus      c. Damascus

- 2.017 Gamaliel was an important \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a. Sadducee                      b. rabbi                              c. language
- 2.018 The \_\_\_\_\_ did not want God's Law to be broken.  
 a. scribes                              b. Greeks                              c. Syrians
- 2.019 The \_\_\_\_\_ gave power to Samson and Elijah.  
 a. Pharisees                      b. Sadducees                      c. Holy Spirit
- 2.020 The story of Saul's meeting Jesus is found in \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 a. Acts chapter 9      b. Mark chapter 9      c. Luke chapter 9
- 2.021 The word \_\_\_\_\_ means "treating badly".  
 a. "crucifixion"      b. "salvation"                      c. "persecution"

**Complete these items** (each answer, 4 points).

- 2.022 A synagogue is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.023 A Nazarene is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.024 Saul was blinded by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.025 Saul guarded the clothes for the people who stoned  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.026 The verses which tell that Christ died for our sins, was buried  
 and raised again are found in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.027 The first question Saul asked Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2.028 The second question Saul asked Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Answer these questions** (each answer, 5 points).

- 2.029 How did Jesus prove to Saul that He was alive? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.030 Why was Saul glad that he was a Pharisee? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.031 Why did Jesus appear to Saul on the Damascus Road?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_




2.032

Why did Saul persecute Christians? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### III. GOD USES SAUL

After he wondered what Jesus would want him to do, Saul had a kind of dream. In his dream, a man named Ananias put his hands on him and Saul was able to see again.

At the same time, Jesus was preparing Ananias to visit Saul. Jesus

told Ananias that Saul was praying, but Ananias was afraid to go to Saul. Jesus explained that He had chosen Saul to work for Him. He also said that Saul would have to suffer because of his believing in Jesus and working for him.

**Review these objectives.** When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

5. List the events leading to the salvation of Saul in the order in which they happened.
7. List some works of the Holy Spirit.
8. Describe some results of the salvation of Saul.
9. List the thirteen New Testament books which Paul wrote.
10. Write 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 4 from memory.
11. Define new vocabulary words.

**Restudy these words.**

Epistle

mission



**Read Acts 9:10-28.**

## SAUL PREACHES ABOUT JESUS

Ananias went to Straight Street to the house of Judas to find Saul. He did exactly as Jesus had told him. Saul was able to see again, and he was baptized. Right away, there in Damascus, he began to preach that Jesus is God's Son. He surprised people when he began preaching, because they knew that he had come to Damascus to harm people who did that. How he had changed!

Soon the Jewish leaders made a plan to kill Saul because of his preaching. There were guards watching at each gate of the city to kill Saul. The Christians had to let him down in a basket over the city wall. In that way, Saul was able to get away from those who wanted to kill him.

Saul went to Jerusalem, but the Christians were still afraid of him. A Christian named Barnabas had to tell them what had happened to Saul on the Damascus Road. Barnabas also explained how Saul had preached in the name of Jesus. After that, Saul stayed with the Christians. Again he preached boldly about the Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Later Saul was called Paul (Acts 13:13). Because he was sent by the Lord Jesus on a special **mission**, he was also known as the apostle Paul. (1 Corinthians 9:1). Sometimes people call him Saint Paul (St. Paul). As you may know, a saint is a true Christian—a person who belongs to Christ and is set apart for Him.



### **Complete these activities.**

An abbreviation is a shortened form for writing a word. The abbreviation for saint is "St." The abbreviation for street is also "St." The way the abbreviation is used will tell you if it means street or saint.

Write the word for the abbreviation used in each sentence. Use the abbreviation box to help you write each word.

**Abbreviation Box**

St. — saint

St. — street

Ave. — avenue

Rd. — road

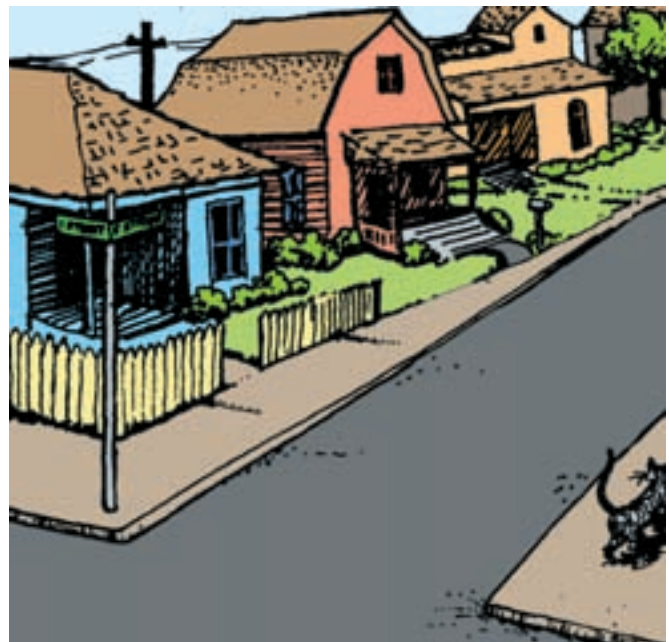
Mr. — mister

Dr. — doctor

- 3.1 When I was ill I went to see *Dr.* Brown. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.2 My teacher's name is *Mr.* Jones. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.3 I live at 789 Greenway *Rd.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.4 Bob sent the letter to 612 First *Ave.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.5 *St.* Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.6 We moved to 205 Main *St.* \_\_\_\_\_



**St. — Saint**



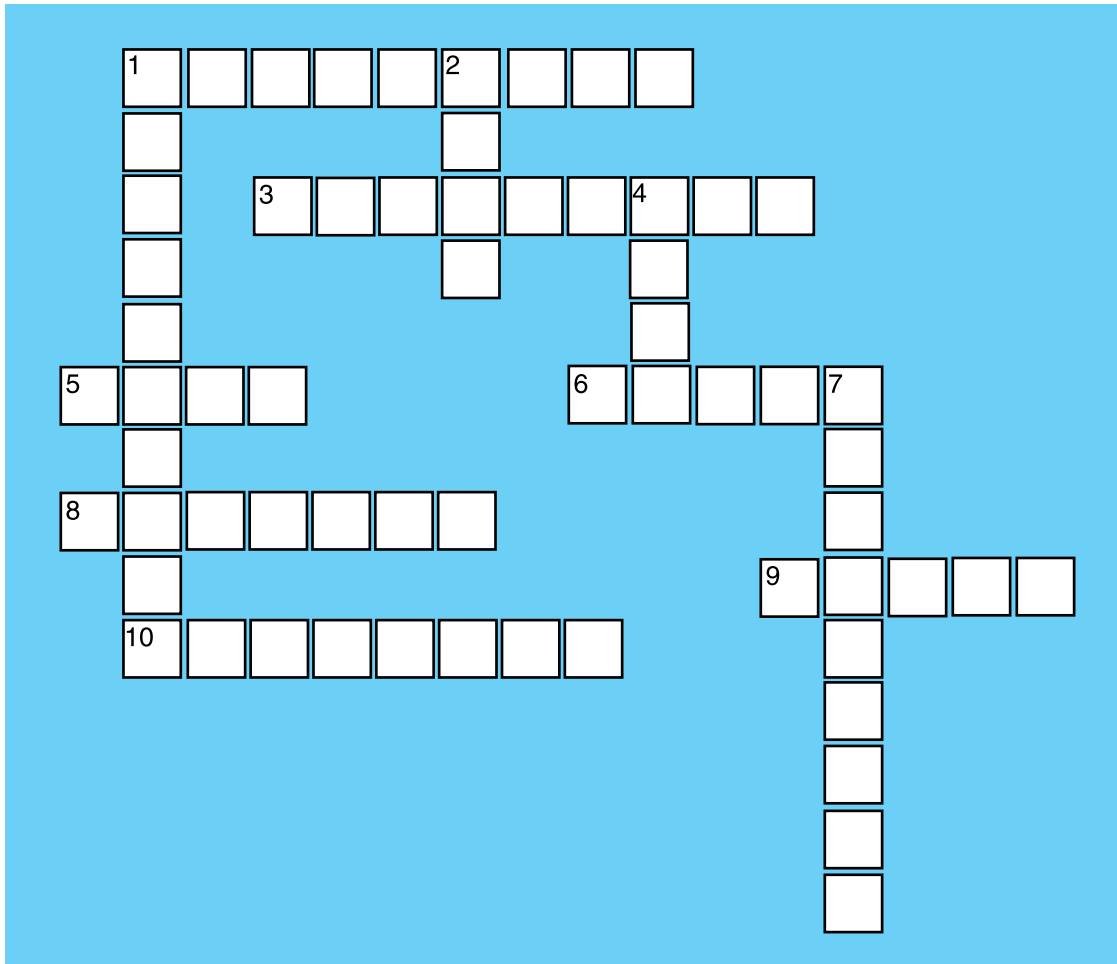
**St. — Street**



### Complete this puzzle.

3.7

Use the clues to find the answers.



#### Across

1. Paul's parents were \_\_\_\_\_, not Sadducees.
3. Christians left this city.
5. The story of Saul is found three times in this Bible book.
6. Our Savior
8. Saul saw him die peacefully.
9. Saul's teacher was \_\_\_\_\_ Gamaliel.
10. Where Saul was going when blinded.

#### Down

1. Saul did this to Christians.
2. Paul's former name
4. Wrote the book of Acts
7. A kind of school attended by Saul



**Read 1 Timothy 1:12-16; Ephesians 2:8-10; and 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES AND USES PAUL

Paul kept on thanking God for his salvation and for choosing him and giving him work to do. Paul said that he did not understand what he was doing when he made the followers of Jesus suffer. Paul continued to tell that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners from their sins, and yet he called himself the worst sinner. He said that God used his life to show how long He would wait for even the worst sinner.

The Holy Spirit taught Paul more about Jesus and what God wants. After that, Paul made many exciting missionary journeys to tell others what the Holy Spirit had taught him. In this way, he helped start churches in many different places. The Holy Spirit told him what to write, and Paul wrote letters to these churches. In those letters, called **Epistles**, Paul told Christians what God wanted them to know and do. Those letters of

Romans, First and Second Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and First and Second Thessalonians are in the New Testament. Letters God told Paul to write to certain people are in the New Testament, too. Paul wrote a letter to Titus, to Philemon, and two letters to Timothy.

Paul suffered because he worked for Jesus. He had many enemies. The Jews especially persecuted him for teaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:23–28 that he was robbed, stoned, beaten, and put into prison. Three times he was on ships that were wrecked. None of these things or anything else kept him from telling others that Jesus had died on the Cross for his sins and for their sins. Paul said in Romans 8:35–39 that nothing would keep him from loving Jesus or Jesus from loving him.

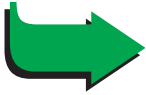


### Complete this activity.

3.8

Name the thirteen New Testament books Paul wrote.

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|----------|----------|
| a. _____ | h. _____ |
| b. _____ | i. _____ |
| c. _____ | j. _____ |
| d. _____ | k. _____ |
| e. _____ | l. _____ |
| f. _____ | m. _____ |
| g. _____ |          |



**Write the letter for the correct answer.**

3.9 The letters Paul wrote to people and churches are called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Epistles
- b. Apostles
- c. scribes

3.10 A man who is called by Jesus to preach the Gospel in new places is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. an Epistle
- b. an Apostle
- c. a scribe



**Complete this activity.**

3.11 Choose two or more of your friends to work with you on this project. You will need:

- 10 pieces of cardboard,
- crayons, and
- wide masking or mending tape.

Write the event described by each of the following verses on the lines and then draw one picture for each event.

- a. Acts 22:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Acts 26:10 and 11 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Acts 22:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Acts 26:13 and 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 22:6–9 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Acts 22:7–10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 9:4–7 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Acts 9:8 \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Acts 9:10–16 \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Acts 9:17 and 18 \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Acts 26:17–20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Acts 9:20–22 \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Acts 9:23–25 \_\_\_\_\_

Keep the pictures in the order in which each event happened. Join the pictures with the tape. Fold like this illustration:

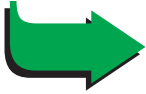
Place on a table in your classroom.



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**Complete these activities.**

When a single consonant comes between two vowels in a word, the word is usually divided *after* the consonant if the first vowel is short. We say that the first syllable is *closed* when it ends with a consonant sound.

3.12 Divide each of the following words by drawing a line between the syllables.

- a. c a b i n
- b. t r a v e l
- c. h a b i t
- d. f i g u r e
- e. p e d a l
- f. f i n i s h

When a single consonant comes between two vowels in a word, the word is usually divided *before* the consonant if the first vowel is long. We say that the first syllable is *open* when it ends with a vowel.

3.13 Divide each of the following words by drawing a line between the syllables.

- a. h e r o
- b. e v i l
- c. r e m i n d
- d. t i g e r
- e. m u s i c
- f. l a z y

3.14 Divide each of the following words by drawing a line between the syllables. On the line after the word tell if the first syllable is *open* or *closed*.

- a. p a p e r \_\_\_\_\_
- b. s p i d e r \_\_\_\_\_
- c. r i v e r \_\_\_\_\_
- d. p r i s o n \_\_\_\_\_
- e. p u p i l \_\_\_\_\_
- f. r o b i n \_\_\_\_\_
- g. v i s i t \_\_\_\_\_
- h. l a d y \_\_\_\_\_
- i. f r o z e n \_\_\_\_\_
- j. p u n i s h \_\_\_\_\_



**Read Ephesians 2:8-10.**

**PAUL BELONGS TO CHRIST**

In LIFEPAC Bible 401, you learned that you must decide for Christ. You must make this decision before you can begin to live for Him. Paul

decided for Christ and then he began immediately to live for Him. He asked, "What wilt thou have me to do?" Later God told Paul to write Ephesians 2:8–10. The Children's New Testament writes these verses this way: "For by His loving favor you have been saved from the penalty of sin through faith. It is not by anything you have done. It is a gift of God. It is not given to you because you worked for it. If you could work for it, you would be proud. We are His work. He has made us

belong to Christ Jesus so we can work for Him. He planned that we should do this."

Paul came to know that before he could work for God, he had to belong to Christ. After that, he could not choose his own way. He had to follow God's plan. Minute after minute, day after day, all the time, whenever he was tempted to take his own way, he remembered that he belonged to God. He followed God's way, because Jesus was his Lord.



**Answer these questions.**

3.15 What did Paul do immediately after he decided for Christ?

3.16 Why did Paul follow God's way? \_\_\_\_\_



**Answer true or false.**

3.17 \_\_\_\_\_ We can work for our salvation.

3.18 \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation is a gift.

3.19 \_\_\_\_\_ We are saved through faith.

3.20 \_\_\_\_\_ We should work for Christ because we love Him.

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**Self Test**



Before you take this last Self Test, you may want to do one or more of these self checks.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Read the objectives. See if you can do them.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Restudy the material related to any objectives that you cannot do.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Use the SQ3R study procedure to review the material:

a. **S**can the sections.

b. **Q**uestion yourself.

c. **R**ead to answer your questions.

d. **R**ecite the answers to yourself.

e. **R**evise areas you did not understand.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Review all vocabulary, activities, and Self Tests, writing a correct answer for every wrong answer.



## SELF TEST 3

**Answer true or false** (each answer, 2 points).

- 3.01 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul wrote the book of Acts.  
3.02 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul wrote the Epistle of 1 Corinthians.  
3.03 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul wrote a letter to Philemon.  
3.04 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul wrote the book of St. Paul.  
3.05 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul of Tarsus persecuted the apostle Paul.  
3.06 \_\_\_\_\_ Saul never again thought of Stephen after Stephen was stoned to death.  
3.07 \_\_\_\_\_ The story of Saul's salvation is found in the book of St. Luke.  
3.08 \_\_\_\_\_ Stephen believed in the Resurrection of Jesus.  
3.09 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul was an Apostle.  
3.010 \_\_\_\_\_ The Pharisees gave power to Samson and Elijah.

**Match these items** (each answer, 2 points).

- |             |  |              |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| 3.011 _____ | Saul's teacher                         | a. synagogue |
| 3.012 _____ | Jewish teacher                         | b. Gamaliel  |
| 3.013 _____ | place where Saul grew up               | c. Damascus  |
| 3.014 _____ | Jewish place of worship                | d. Nazareth  |
| 3.015 _____ | Christians ran away from here          | e. Tarsus    |
| 3.016 _____ | Saul went here to persecute Christians | f. Jerusalem |
|             |  | g. rabbi     |

**Complete these sentences** (each answer, 4 points).


- 3.017 After a man named \_\_\_\_\_ put his hands on him, Saul was able to see again.

- 3.018 In the place called \_\_\_\_\_ Saul began to preach that Jesus is the Son of God.
- 3.019 Saul was chosen by \_\_\_\_\_ to work for Him.
- 3.020 The story of Saul's salvation is found \_\_\_\_\_ times in the book of Acts.
- 3.021 The \_\_\_\_\_ leaders wanted to kill Saul because he preached about Jesus.
- 3.022 After Jesus went back to heaven, He sent the \_\_\_\_\_ to be with His followers.
- 3.023 Paul wrote \_\_\_\_\_ New Testament books.
- 3.024 Paul made many exciting \_\_\_\_\_ journeys to tell others what the Holy Spirit had taught him about Jesus.
- 3.025 The \_\_\_\_\_ changed Saul from a hater to a lover of Jesus.
- 3.026 Paul wrote \_\_\_\_\_ to churches to explain God's will for them.
- 3.027 The Old Testament said that one day Jesus would come to die for our \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3.028 Saul of Tarsus became known as Paul the \_\_\_\_\_ because he was sent by Jesus on a special mission.

**Answer these questions** (each numbered answer, 5 points).

- 3.029 What are the names of the thirteen books of the New Testament that Paul wrote?
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| a. _____ | h. _____ |
| b. _____ | i. _____ |
| c. _____ | j. _____ |
| d. _____ | k. _____ |
| e. _____ | l. _____ |
| f. _____ | m. _____ |
| g. _____ |          |
- 3.030 How is a person saved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 3.031 Why do you think Ananias was afraid of Saul? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.032 What were some of the ways Paul suffered for preaching Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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Before taking the LIFEPAC Test, you may want to do one or more of these self checks.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Read the objectives. See if you can do them.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Restudy the material related to any objectives that you cannot do.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Use the SQ3R study procedure to review the material.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Review activities, Self Tests, and LIFEPAC vocabulary words.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Restudy areas of weakness indicated by the last Self Test.

# NOTES