

# Why Christ Chose Saul Of Tarsus

“For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.”, Galatians 1:13, ESV

Did early Christians \_\_\_\_\_ Saul, or did they \_\_\_\_\_ for him?

## The Unexpected Choice Of Saul Of Tarsus

A. Public Enemy # 1 for the early church:

1. Acts 8:3 – He \_\_\_\_\_ the church, taking people to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Acts 9:1,2 – He \_\_\_\_\_ threats and \_\_\_\_\_ against them.
3. Galatians 1:13 – He \_\_\_\_\_ the church \_\_\_\_\_.
4. 1 Timothy 1:12,13a – Though he was so violent, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Saul to His \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Acts 9:15 – Saul was a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument for Christ. *Why?*

## Why Christ Chose This Enemy Of The Church

A. **Saul was conscientious:**

1. Acts 23:1 – He lived in all good \_\_\_\_\_ to that \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Timothy 1:13 – He received \_\_\_\_\_ because he had acted \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 1 Corinthians 9:16,17 – He was \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ to him if he didn't preach the gospel!

B. **Saul was zealous:**

1. Acts 22:3b-5 – He went even to \_\_\_\_\_ to find Christians.
2. Galatians 1:14 – He was so \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of his fathers, he was \_\_\_\_\_ beyond many others.
3. Galatians 6:17 – The \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_ spoke of his zeal.

C. **Saul was educated:**

1. Acts 22:3a – He learned at the feet of \_\_\_\_\_, a rabbi.
2. Acts 17:28 – He quoted from two \_\_\_\_\_ that were known to the philosophers of Athens.
3. Acts 24:26 – Felix sent often for Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
4. Acts 26:24 – Festus said his great \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ Paul out of his \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ can have the same traits that made Paul so valuable to the Lord. Our \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't matter as much to the Lord as what we will do with this \_\_\_\_\_ moment.

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