

Pentecost – Flesh to Spirit (Saul) Pt.2

Read Acts 9:1-25

As we look at this passage, it starts with Paul walking in the flesh, persecuting the disciples, those born of the Spirit (see **Gal.4:29**). Then however, he has his encounter with the risen Lord Jesus. He seems to know who he is encountering, but yet he doesn't (**v5**). But, this is not the end of the story, we see that encounter with Jesus as Lord was not all that he needed.

In this moment, when he encounters Jesus, he is converted. This is confirmed in **v17** when Ananias comes in and calls him 'brother'. That is, a brother in the Lord! Paul is now God's chosen instrument (**v15**). But there is more!!

He needed a mighty baptism and filling of the Spirit, and we see as this happens that 'the scales fall from his eyes' – he can see (**v18**). **Read 2 Cor.3**. And I might add that this is not just in the natural, but the spiritual also!! He can now see. He has crossed from flesh to Spirit, moving in the natural and his own strength, to the supernatural and moving in the power and grace of God.

And, look at the fruit, he began preaching boldly right away that Jesus is the Son of God and gained many converts / followers within many days (**v23-25**). The blaze that the Spirit set alight in his life was being used to set others on fire too!!

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Why not call out to the Lord for a fresh fire in your life today!