



Sermon Notes

Acts 22:6–16 (ESV)

⁶“As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me.

⁷And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’

⁸And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’

⁹Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.

¹⁰And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’

¹¹And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

¹²“And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, ¹³came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’

And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him. ¹⁴And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;

¹⁵for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

February 15, 2026

(Answer key located on the last page)

I. God Pursues Us Even When We're Running in the Wrong Direction (*Acts 22:6-8*)

Saul is traveling to Damascus with official papers authorizing him to _____ Christians and destroy the church.

On that road, a _____ from heaven flashed around him.

When Saul asked who was speaking, the answer changed everything: "I am _____, whom you are persecuting."

God's love pursued Saul when Saul wanted _____ to do with God's love.

Application: Your _____ does not determine your future in Christ. Write Down Three Things From Your Past That Make You Feel Disqualified. Then Write Across Each One: **"Covered By The Blood Of Jesus."**

II. God's Plans Are Bigger Than Our Mistakes (*Acts 22:10-15*)

Saul's crucial question in verse 10: "What shall I do, _____?" He's gone from persecutor to follower in one moment.

God didn't choose Saul _____ his intensity—God chose him _____ of it.

Application: In God's economy, nothing is _____ when you surrender it to Him.
This week, ask God to show you how He wants to redeem your past.

III. God's Grace Transforms Us into Who We Were Always Meant to Be (*Acts 22:16*)

Saul became _____—a new name for a new man with a new mission.
God's grace doesn't just _____ who we were; it transforms us into who we were always _____ to be.

Application: God doesn't want to destroy who He made you to be—He wants to _____ you.
Identify one of your core traits. Ask: How have I been using this? How does God want to redirect it? Ask God to transform that area for His glory.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

What area of your past makes you feel most disqualified from God's use?

How might God want to redeem and use that very area for His kingdom?

COMMITMENT

I commit to stop agreeing with the enemy about my identity and embrace what God says about me.

Answer Key

I. God Pursues Us

arrest, light, Jesus, nothing, past

II. God's Plans Are Bigger

Lord, despite, because, wasted

III. God's Grace Transforms

Paul, forgive, meant, transform

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

Connect With Pastor Reaves!

Like his page on Facebook Derrick Reaves

Follow him on



@DerrickReaves

