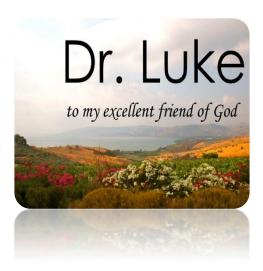


The previous chapter ended with: Then the Ethiopian ordered the chariot to stop: and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him; and when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip taken forcefully, and the eunuch did not see him any more: and he went on his way rejoicing

Within a century after this powerful man of faith returned to Ethiopia, the good news continued to spread along the entire eastern coast of Africa to nations and tribes as far south as what is known as South Africa today.



The conversion of Saul.

- <sup>1</sup> And Saul, still breathing out threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
- <sup>2</sup> And requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to The Way, that he would jail them in Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> And as he traveled, he came near Damascus: and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him:
- <sup>4</sup> And falling to the earth, and heard a voice saying to him,

### Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?

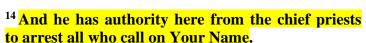
- <sup>5</sup> And he said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute: it is difficult to kick against the goads, isn't it?
- <sup>6</sup> And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what will You have me do? And the Lord said to him, Get up, and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.
- <sup>7</sup> And the men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no one.
- <sup>8</sup> And Saul got up from the ground; and though his eyes were open, he saw nothing: so leading him by the hand, they brought him to Damascus.
- <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and did not eat or drink.
- <sup>10</sup> Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, Ananias, And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord,



<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, Get up, and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus called Saul: for, indeed, he is praying there,

<sup>12</sup> and has seen in a vision a man named Ananias entering, and placing his hand on him, that he might regain his sight.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem:





<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, Go: for he is My chosen vessel, to take My Name to Gentiles, and to kings, and the children of Israel:

#### <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer on account of My Name.

<sup>17</sup> And Ananias went, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the roadway you traveled as you came, has sent me, that you might regain your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> And at once something like scales fell from his eyes: and he regained sight, and got up and was baptized.

<sup>19</sup> And after he took food, he regained his strength. And Saul was with the disciples in Damascus several days.

<sup>20</sup> And immediately he began to preach Christ / the Messiah in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

<sup>21</sup>But all who heard him were astonished, and said; Isn't this the man who in Jerusalem was destroying those who called on this Name in Jerusalem, and then came here for that purpose, that he might jail them and take them to the chief priests?

<sup>22</sup> But Saul grew in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus, proving that this One is the Christ / the Messiah.

<sup>23</sup> And after that, many days passed, as the Jews conspired to kill him:



<sup>24</sup> but their scheme became known to Saul. And they also watched the gates day and night intending to kill him / they were watching his every move.

<sup>25</sup> Then the disciples took him by night, and lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the wall.

Saul in Jerusalem,

<sup>26</sup> When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe he was a true disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Yet Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and explained to them how he had seen the Lord in the roadway, and that he had spoken to Him, and how he had boldly preached at Damascus in the Name of Jesus.



- <sup>28</sup> And he was with them coming and going at Jerusalem.
- <sup>29</sup> And he spoke boldly in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Hellenistic Jews: but they sought to kill him.
- <sup>30</sup> Now when the brothers found out, they took him down to Caesarea, and sent him by boat to Tarsus.
- <sup>31</sup>So the church throughout all Judaea, Galilee and Samaria had peace, being built up and walking in the fear of the Lord, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit: and it grew in numbers.

The conversion of Gentiles.

- <sup>32</sup> And it happened, as Peter passed throughout all regions, he went down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.
- <sup>33</sup> And there he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and bedridden eight years.
- <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you: Get up, and make your bed. And he got up at once.





- 35 And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and turned to the Lord.
- <sup>36</sup> Now there was at Joppa a disciple called Tabitha which translated is: Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and charitable deeds.
- <sup>37</sup> And it happened in those days, that she was sick, and died. After washing her, they placed her in an upper room.
- <sup>38</sup> And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, asking him not to delay coming to them.
- <sup>39</sup> Then Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him to the upper room: and all the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing him all the tunics and garments Dorcas made, while she was with them.
- <sup>40</sup> But Peter sent them all out, and knelt down, and prayed; and turning to the body said, Tabitha, get up. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.
- <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand lifting her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.
- <sup>42</sup> And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.
- <sup>43</sup> And it happened, that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon a tanner.

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