

# God Can Use Anyone He Wants to Build His Kingdom

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Acts 9:1-31

This is a story that every serious Christian needs to be familiar with - for a couple of reasons:

- Saul (Paul) was such a key, pivotal, significant person used by God in the establishment & expansion of His Kingdom.
- Saul's historical, missional, logistical role of establishing & encouraging local churches through his three missionary journeys.
- God's use of Paul in writing such a significant portion of Holy Scripture.
- Saul's (Paul) testimony continues to stand as one of, if not the greatest, testimony of the overwhelming richness of God's grace - that God can forgive anyone of any sin, that no one can be too bad for God to forgive them, & that God can call & powerfully use even the worst of all sinners.

- 1. God can use me no matter how bad I've been, or what evil I've done. (Saul)**
- 2. God can use me when my reluctance gives way to obedience. (Ananias)**
- 3. God can use me when I tell others what I've experienced. (Barnabas)**
- 4. God can use me when I surrender to Jesus. (All)**

## TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate, that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer, the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport<sup>1</sup>, when Jesus we see!

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

—Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)