

(New Testament)

SAUL BECAME PAUL

Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee's son, studied hard at Gamaliel's feet

An exceptional student, trained in the law, all requirements he did easily meet

From the tribe of Benjamin, Hebrew of Hebrews, was faultless in following the law

A formidable person, teacher and rabbi, could debate anyone he saw.

The rise of Christians, was against his teachings, a hazardous and tremendous threat

Viewed their beliefs, as a mockery of God, and pursued them without regret

Witnessed and approved of Stephen's stoning, and sought all people of the Way

Felt his Damascus journey was warranted, and departed without delay.

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Christ words as light shone round

Meeting face to face with Jesus, a blinded Saul lay trembling on the ground

That Believers are the body of Christ, was a lesson Saul did learn

Transformed by God, Saul became Paul, and his destiny he did discern.

No person, other than Jesus, shaped Christianity like Apostle Paul

His life now changed, with fierce intensity, proclaimed Jesus Christ to all

Preached Christ's mission as saving all sinners, of himself he declared the chief

A title we each can give to ourselves, as we pray for forgiveness and relief.



("Saul's Conversion" painted by Doris Cox)

Acts 9: 4

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