

THEN HAD THE CHURCH REST

ACTS 9:23-31

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Introduction:

1. THE FEARFUL CHRISTIANS (VS. 26)

Acts 9:26

²⁶ And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

A. They Doubted His Sincerity

B. They Doubted His Salvation

2. FRIENDLY CHRISTIAN (VS. 27)

Acts 9:27

²⁷ But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

A. Barnabas

We met Barnabas back in Acts 4.

Acts 4:36-37

³⁶ And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, ³⁷ Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

Barnabas was a good speaker and encourager

Barnabas took Saul with him and brought him to the disciples.

He declared Saul's Testimony

- He's an apostle
- He preached boldly at Damascus
- Preached in the name of Jesus

3. FERVENT CHRISTIANS (VS. 28-29)

Acts 9:28-29

²⁸ And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. ²⁹ And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

- A. Paul spoke with boldness
- B. Saul had all that Stephen had and more

C. They concluded that Saul must die

4. FAVOR ON THE CHURCHES (VS. 31)

Acts 9:31

³¹ Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

- A. The churches had rest
- B. The churches were edified
- C. The churches were multiplied