

How Do You Know You Are Saved?

Acts 9:1-19

Saul's name was changed to Paul or Paulus. The meaning of that name in Greek and Latin was, *“little”, “small”*.

2 Cor 10:10 - *10 For they say,
"His letters are weighty and
strong, but his personal
presence is UNIMPRESSIVE
and his speech
CONTEMPTIBLE."* NASU

2 Corinthians 10:10 (LBLA) *10 Porque ellos dicen:
Las cartas son severas y duras, pero la presencia
física es poco impresionante, y la manera de
hablar menospreciable.*



- 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NASB) *7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (LBLA)

⁷ He peleado la buena batalla, he terminado la carrera, he guardado la fe.

⁸ En el futuro me está reservada la corona de justicia que el Señor, el Juez justo, me entregará en aquel día; y no sólo a mí, sino también a todos los que aman su venida.

WE MUST KNOW WHO WE ARE (VERSES 1-2)

- **Rabban'** not **Rabbi**.
- So, let's put Saul into some perspective and sum up who he was.
- **A SINNER.**

First step, we must be honest with ourselves and with God that we have sinned.

- 1 John 1:8-9, *"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

1 John 1:8-9 (LBLA)

- ⁸ Si decimos que no tenemos pecado, nos engañamos a nosotros mismos y la verdad no está en nosotros.
- ⁹ Si confesamos nuestros pecados, El es fiel y justo para perdonarnos los pecados y para limpiarnos de toda maldad.

Second step, we must humble ourselves.

- The Book of James 4:6,10 tells us, *"He gives us more grace. That is why the Scripture says: God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble... humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up"*.

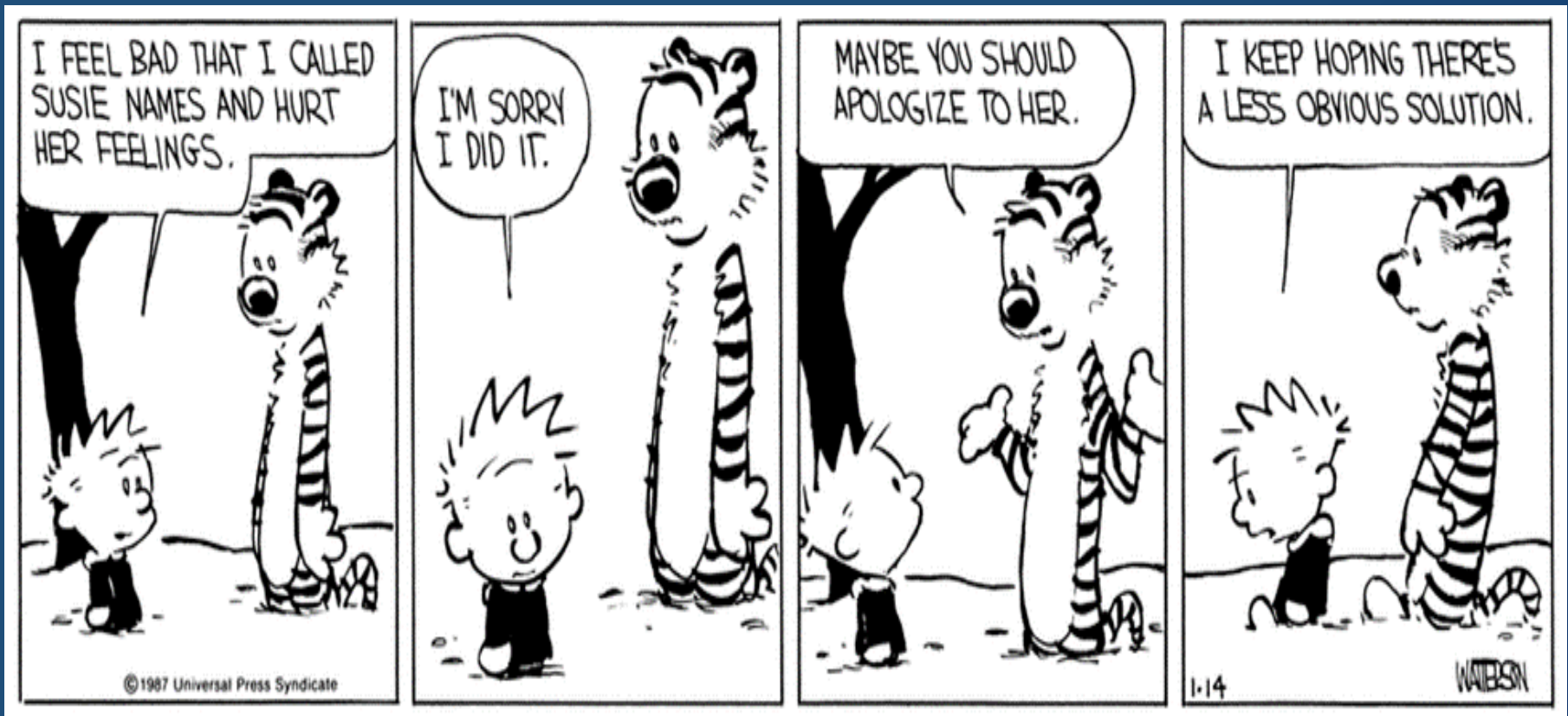
The third step is to decide to submit ourselves to God on this sin issue and not let sin rule our whole life.

- James 4:7-8 - *"Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands you sinners and purify your hearts."*

James 4:7-8 (LBLA)

⁷ Por tanto, someteos a Dios. Resistid, pues, al diablo y huirá de vosotros.

⁸ Acercaos a Dios, y El se acercará a vosotros. Limpiad vuestras manos, pecadores; y vosotros de doble ánimo, purificad vuestros corazones.



When we want to restore our relationship with God, we need to remember that God has a liking for the obvious solution.

WE MUST LET JESUS WORK (VERSES 3-16)



First, Jesus had worked
before Saul even began to
persecute the church by His
ministry here on earth.

Second, Jesus was still
working in Saul's life.

- Acts 9:6 (NASB) *6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you **WHAT YOU MUST DO.**"*

Acts 9:17-19 (NASB) 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Acts 9:17-19 (LBLA)

- ¹⁷ Ananías fue y entró en la casa, y después de poner las manos sobre él, dijo: Hermano Saulo, el Señor Jesús, que se te apareció en el camino por donde venías, me ha enviado para que recobres la vista y seas lleno del Espíritu Santo.
- ¹⁸ Al instante cayeron de sus ojos como unas escamas, y recobró la vista; y se levantó y fue bautizado.
- ¹⁹ Tomó alimentos y cobró fuerzas. Y por varios días estuvo con los discípulos que estaban en Damasco.

- Acts 22:16 - (ESV) *16 And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'*

Acts 22:16 (LBLA)

¹⁶ “Y ahora, ¿por qué te detienes? Levántate y sé bautizado, y lava tus pecados invocando su nombre.”

“...wash away his sins.”

WE MUST OBEY (VERSES 17-19)

- *"If you love Me, you will obey what I command... Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me" (John 14:15, 21a).*
- *"I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me" (John 14:6).*

He got up and was baptized. **It is at this point Ananias tells him that his sins will be washed away.**

- Up to this point... **believing**, he was still in his sins.
- **Repenting**... still in his sins.
- **Praying**... still in his sins.
- But when he got up and was baptized it is at this point he is saved and his sins are washed away.

- Luke 24:45-47 - (ESV) *45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

Luke 24:45-47 (LBLA)

- ⁴⁵ Entonces les abrió la mente para que comprendieran las Escrituras,
- ⁴⁶ y les dijo: Así está escrito, que el Cristo padeciera y resucitara de entre los muertos al tercer día;
- ⁴⁷ y que en su nombre se predicara el arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados a todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén.

- Acts 2:36-41 (ESV) **36** *Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37* Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Romans 5:6 tells us, "*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.*"

- **Romans 5:6 (LBLA)**

⁶ Porque mientras aún éramos débiles, a su tiempo Cristo murió por los impíos.