



SIT Proof—Saul

The Third Record of speaking in tongues is in Acts 9 regarding the conversion of Saul. Turn in your Bibles to Acts chapter 9.

Saul was member of the Sanhedrin, he cast his vote against Stephen, was over 40 and had children. Saul is the Hebrew name for Paul. He would get letters from the high priest to kill Christians, and this viscous man was on the way to Damascus. Here he got born again, but he had scales on his eyes.

Ananias

Ananias was a certain disciple. He was not a leader in the church, someone like a Bishop. The truth of the matter is that anyone who is born again can heal someone else. Ananias was not a Bishop or an Apostle. He was a disciple. This disciple was actually going to heal Paul. If a mere disciple could not heal someone, then Peter, or one of the other Apostles should have been called. Ananias was a disciple, a



follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ananias' vision

(Acts 9:10 KJV) And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Vision means a picture. God gave him a picture. "I am here Lord" is what he said. Can you imagine what would happen today if God talked to someone like this in church? We'd have funeral upon funeral. People would just die.

(Acts 9:11 KJV) And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

That's quite a record, isn't it? Supposedly, this street goes east and west. He had to go north and he would run right into it. You have to ask yourself the question, "What was Paul doing in this house?" Was Paul singing, washing dishes, making the bed? No. He was praying. If there were 50 people in that house, there was not one other person praying. That's how accurate revelation is.

(Acts 9:12 KJV) And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

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Paul was prepared for healing. God showed Paul what was about to happen.

(Acts 9:13-14 KJV) Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: {14} And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

Ananias didn't like what the Lord wanted Him to do, so he went and complained with all of the management. No! He went right to God. We need to learn to do the same.

(Acts 9:15-16 KJV) But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: {16} For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

We'd never have let Paul in our house. We'd never believe that Paul could be the man that he grew to be. God chose Paul to do these things. He was a very special

person, one who was about to believe God's Word. He kind of reminds me of how Mary believed the Word. It takes a special person to do the things that either of these people did. Mary believed God's Word and had Jesus Christ. Paul believed God's Word and helped build the first century church, so effectively that we still have the Word today.

(Acts 9:17 KJV) And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

The word of God was the will of God for Ananias. This is what we are to do. In the East, when a person calls you brother, or if they eat salt with you, they will never steal from you, or harm you. It's still that way today. Saul had already been converted on the road, and he was born again.

Paul Filled to Manifestation

Filled is talking about being "filled to manifestation." This means "filled with all of the boldness of the holy spirit in manifestation so that it was just effervescing from the soul." When some people Speak in Tongues, it just trickles out, a drop here and a drop there. They aren't doing what the Word says. Once every 6 months they may Speak in Tongues w/ Interpretation. Ananias was to minister to Paul to get the fullness really rolling. Like as Scales

(Acts 9:18 KJV) And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

What does it mean when it says LIKE AS SCALES? It wasn't scales. God did this to help Paul believe the Word. He had something over his eyes that looked like scales. Everything God does is reflected in the movement of God's Word. This was no exception. What is it talking about when it says that Paul was baptized? No water is

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mentioned here. Paul was already born again. That happened on the road to Damascus. This record is simply confirming that Saul was born again, and filled with the power of holy spirit. It doesn't say that he Spoke in tongues in this record, but you just wait. 1 Corinthians 14.

(1 Cor 14:18 KJV) I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

He spoke in tongues here, more than the whole church put together. I want to talk to you ministers a little bit. If we are ever going to manifest the power of God, we've got to come to the Word. And not a one of us have ever received the revelations that Paul did. He Spoke in tongues. It behooves us, as ministers, to Speak in Tongues because of this. He Spoke in tongues like a house a fire. It builds you up on the inside so that you can receive revelation so that God can talk to you.

That's the 3rd record and that's all there is to it. A Bishop does not have to come down. A mere disciple did. That's enough for he heard from heaven. God

talked to him. Ananias said he didn't want to go help Paul. God told him to get going. Paul was filled with the power of holy spirit and he Spoke in tongues more than the entire first century church. Remember that the next time you start thinking that speaking in tongues is not important!

Much love in Christ,

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