

I’ve been there –

The Street Called Straight in Damascus, Syria.

Bible knowledge will make you bold, spontaneous and surefooted. If you will do what the Bible says you must do you will have God's Grace to do the things you need to do. Grace comes from God because you have done His works of Grace, without which your faith is dead being alone. When you stay hungry for the Word the Word just shows up.

Paul, on his way to Damascus, was a mess. He was inflamed with rage against anyone who was a Christian among the Jews in that City. At this time Ananias was on his hit list and Ananias knew it. When Ananias went to **the street called straight** to visit Paul he was bold and surefooted. He had heard a word from Jesus. He was obeying the Word and was fearless with Grace to speak to the man who had come to arrest him and take him bound back to Jerusalem. Grace comes to those who will do the works of Grace.



Paul had **repented** out there on the road. At that time Paul, in Acts 9:6, trembling and astonished said, Lord, **what wilt thou have me to do?** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou **must do**. Grace gave Paul something to do. Where would we be without something to do? There are works of Grace we must do.

God revealed to Paul the Acts 2:38 message without any man telling him. Gal 1:11. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Vs.15. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17. Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18. **Then after three years** I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. Paul confirmed with Peter he was preaching the same message.

Now hear this: Paul had the Grace of God on him for the rest of his life because of what he did when he was told what he **must do**. Grace without works is dead. Mark 14:49 "the scriptures **must** be fulfilled." Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in His name.

The story continues: Acts 9:17. 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**. 18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Paul repented, was baptized in Jesus Name for the remission of sins and was filled with the Holy Ghost speaking with other tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:18. I thank my God, **I speak with tongues more than ye all:**

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Here is the conclusion of the whole matter. Jesus gave His Plan to the Apostles in Luke 24:46-47. Jesus then gave the same plan to Paul separately as an oath of surely I did it. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach **every where in every church**.

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.