

# CHURCH OF CHRIST GULF SHORES

Sunday Evening Sermon

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## **“reBORN: The Story of Saul of Tarsus/The Apostle Paul”**



Introduction: We are currently studying a series of lessons on second chances entitled: “STARTING OVER.” One of the main points for this entire series is to remind us that God is the God of second chances. In this lesson we are going to continue to build on that theme by introducing another character that God gave a second chance. This man is one of the most famous Christians in history: Saul of Tarsus/the Apostle Paul. Let’s notice some of the details about his life (**Acts 7:58-8:4, 9:1-30**). Let’s study together...

Discussion:

### **I. What Do We Know?**

#### *A. The Life of Saul/Paul*

- **Acts 7:58-8:4, 9:1-30, 22:1-29, 26:1-29, I Corinthians 15:8**

#### *B. The Letters of Saul/Paul*

- **Romans, I-II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I-II Thessalonians, I-II Timothy, Titus, Philemon**

#### *C. The Legacy of Saul/Paul*

- **Romans 1:16, 12:1-8, I Corinthians 12:1-31, II Corinthians 12:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-16, Philippians 1:21, 3:7-8, 4:13, II Timothy 4:6-8**

### **II. What Can We Learn?**

#### *A. Remember the Consequences of the Sin*

- **Acts 9, 22, 26, Romans 3:23, 5:12-21, 6:23, I Timothy 1:13-15**

#### *B. Remember the Solution*

- **Acts 22:16, Romans 6:1-4, II Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:16, 4:5**

#### *C. Remember the Second Chance*

- **Romans 5:8, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:20, 3:20, Colossians 2:12**

Conclusion: This series reminds us that transformation takes more than just good intentions and a sincere heart if we plan on starting over. We need to make serious changes (i.e. repentance, confession, obedience) in order to experience a full reset! What have you learned from Saul of Tarsus/the Apostle Paul? Have you been saved from your sins? Are you ready to change? What have you learned from these stories? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed those sins? Are you living in obedience? How's your faith? How's your Christian walk? Do you need to press the reset button? You're just a few steps away from starting over. Come to Jesus!