

SINCERE BUT WRONG

Acts 26:9-11

INTRO:

- A. Some think being good or sincere is good enough.
- B. Today we will consider Saul of Tarsus, a sincere man.

I. PAUL'S STORY

- A. He watched Stephen stoned. Acts 7:54—8:1
- B. Made havoc of the church. Acts 8:3; 9:1-2
- C. Was exceedingly zealous. Galatians 1:13-14
- D. Had a good conscience. Acts 23:1; 24:14-16

II. JESUS' ANSWER

- A. Why persecute Me? Acts 9:3-6
- B. Wash away your sins. Acts 22:12-16
- C. Rise & stand. Acts 26:12-18
- D. So Saul changed. Acts 9:17-22

III. A GOOD CONSCIENCE

- A. How does it work? I John 3:20-21
- B. Convicts us of sin. John 8:3-9
- C. Brings obedience. Romans 13:1-7
- D. Including baptism. I Peter 3:21
- E. Not seared or hardened. I Timothy 4:1-2

CONCLUSION:

- A. There is no doubt that Saul acted from a good conscience but he was still wrong.
- B. While we must be sincere we must also be right with God, serving and obeying Him from a good conscience.
- C. Jesus' blood cleanses the conscience from past sins.
- D. Have your past sins been washed away?