

**“P,nc?uat!on.**  
**(2) I Know... PERIOD.**

*BIG IDEA...*

**How Do We Clearly Grammar Check The “P,nc?uat!on. Of Our Lives?**

**GOD NEVER MEANT FOR THE ISSUE OF SALVATION TO BE CONFUSING!!**

*Three Types Of People Here Today...*

**1. YOU KNOW YOU'RE SAVED... PERIOD.**

**2. YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SAVED... PERIOD.**

**3. YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE SAVED... PERIOD.**

**MEETING CHRIST = CHANGE... PERIOD.**

**WHEN DID YOU MEET JESUS... AND HE CHANGED YOUR LIFE?**

**Acts 7:51-53...**

*“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”*

**Acts 7:54...**

*When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.*

**Acts 7:55-56...**

*But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*

**Acts 7:57-58...**

*At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named **Saul**.*

**Acts 7:59-8:1a...**

*While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep. (1a) And **Saul** was there, **giving approval to his death...***

**Acts 8:1b-3...**

*On that day a **GREAT PERSECUTION** broke out against the Church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But **Saul began to destroy the church**. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.*

Two Types of SKEPTICS today...

**1. PASSIVE SKEPTIC**

**2. AGGRESSIVE SKEPTIC**

**Acts 9:1-2...**

Meanwhile, **Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.** He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

**IF WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS IS TRUE... THEN PAUL KNEW...  
EVERYTHING ABOUT HIS LIFE... HAD TO CHANGE!!**

**Acts 9:3-4...**

As he neared Damascus on his journey, **SUDDENLY** a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "**Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?**"

**Acts 9:5...**

"**Who are you, Lord?**" Saul asked. "**I AM JESUS**, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

**Vs 5b-6...**

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.  
"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

**Vss 7-9...**

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

**Acts 9:10-12...**

In Damascus there was a disciple named **Ananias**. The Lord called to him in a vision "**Ananias!**" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from **Tarsus named Saul**, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named **Ananias** come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

**Acts 9:13-17...**

"**Lord,**" Ananias answered, "**I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.**" 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "**Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**"

**Acts 9:18-19a...**

**IMMEDIATELY**, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and **he could see again**. He got up and was **BAPTIZED** and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

**Acts 9:19b-20...**

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.  
**AT ONCE** he **began to preach** in the synagogues that **JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD!**

**Acts 9:21-22...**

All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "**Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as**

***prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.***

**SAUL MET JESUS... AND SOMETHING CHANGED!!**

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**JESUS DIDN'T DIE FOR US TO GET OUT OF HELL AND GET INTO HEAVEN!  
JESUS DIED SO THAT WE COULD GET OF OUT HELL – GET INTO HEAVEN  
(AND...) LIVE “CHANGED” LIVES!!!**

**THREE EVIDENT CHANGES...**

**1. INTERNAL CHANGE!**

***Ezekiel 36:26-27...***

***I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.***

**2. EXTERNAL CHANGE!**

**INTERNAL CONNECTION = OUTWARD REFLECTION**

**3. ETERNAL CHANGE!**

***John 3:36...***

***Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.”***

***1 John 5:12...***

***He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.***

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