This is Paul’s **conversion** Acts 9:6

**Paul’s Conversion**: there was the surrender. Paul was trembling and astonished. He was devastated, hardly able to bear up under the weight of the sin for which he was now being charged. He knew beyond question he was the most terrible sinner. His only hope was to *turn* and *obey* the Lord Jesus. And, praise God, this he did. He did what every man must do to be forgiven his terrible sins.

1.  He called upon and acknowledged the Lord Jesus.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Luke 23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.  No baptism

2.  He surrendered to obey the Lord Jesus. He asked the key question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

3.  The Lord commanded him: "Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

    not go to become saved but to be able to show that you have been saved.

⇒  He needed time for prayer and meditation, focusing  his mind with a fully surrendered will.

⇒  Saul needed the maturing witness and contact and companionship of an honorable believer. It was going to take the testimony of a trustworthy mature believer that Saul had been converted and undergone a radical change for the Christian community to accept him.

This is Paul’s **testimony** in Acts 22:16

Paul's testimony will always hold lesson after lesson for believers of every generation.

Paul was giving his testimony before a crazed mob that had just been rioting, seeking to kill him

Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins--This way of speaking arises from baptism being the visible seal of remission, no where in the bible can you elevate baptism to be the actual agent to wash away sin. Water Baptism is a testimony to the world that you have been saved not to save.

   “Calling on the name of the Lord”--rather, (having called), that is, after having done so; referring to the confession of Christ which preceded baptism, as in Acts 8:37.

Acts 8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Ga 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

 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.

 13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.      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.                                                                                    19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

 20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

2Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.      KJV

**Acts 22:16** And now, why do you delay? Rise and be baptized, and by calling upon His name, wash away your sins.     AMPLIFIED