

# CONFOUNDING

The most challenging activity a Christian will ever face is winning another person to Christ. That disciple is challenging the powers of hell, the flesh, and the world, but God is with those who try.

## Love & Strength

**Acts 9:19** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

We can help make others become greater just by feeding them and fellowshiping with them. Saul was only with these Christians a few days but they launched him into an exponentially greater work than they had imagined. We are doing God's work just loving and fellowshiping with each other.

## Subject: Christ

**20** And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Saul had a strong Biblical background. He had the right theme and he went to the people he understood: Jews. Most people will not resist preaching that Jesus was a good teacher, prophet, and anointed servant, but when we preach He is "the Christ, the Son of God" we will be opposed from many directions.

## Transformation

**21** But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

One of the most amazing phenomena is when a person is totally changed. A drug trafficker, a prostitute, or a terrorist (which kinda described Saul), changes into a disciple. The world has a hard time explaining such phenomena.

## Increasing

**22** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

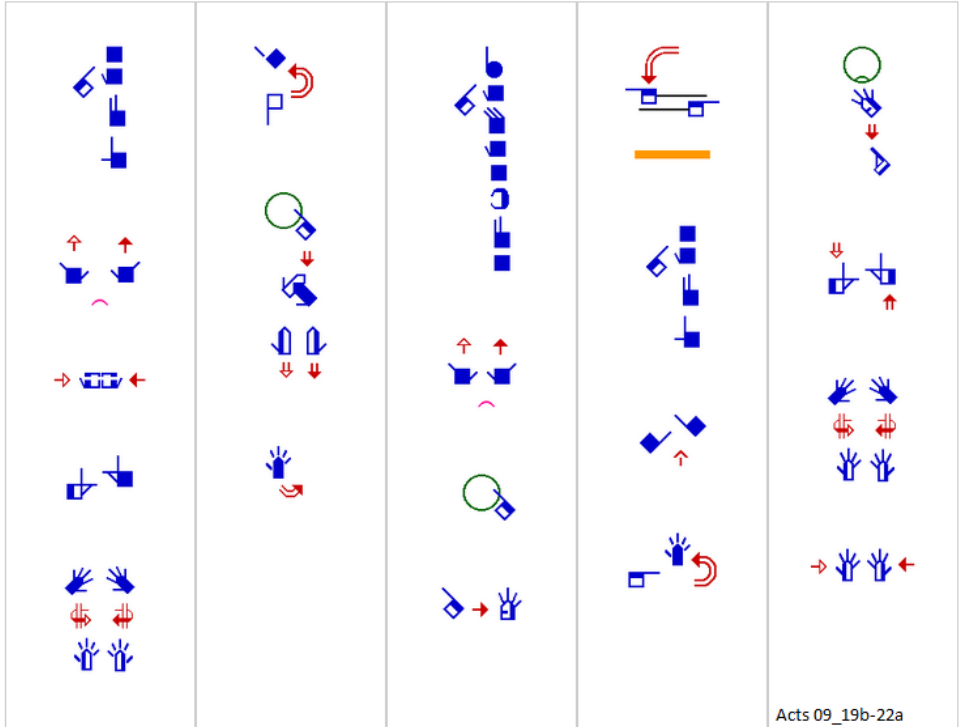
Simon Magus bewitched (**Acts 8:9**) people, but Saul confounded people. The more he studied the stronger were his arguments, the more time he spent with believers the more he could help others believe.

By studying Saul we can see the powerful effect that a Biblically trained, loved, disciplined, and anointed, convert can have.

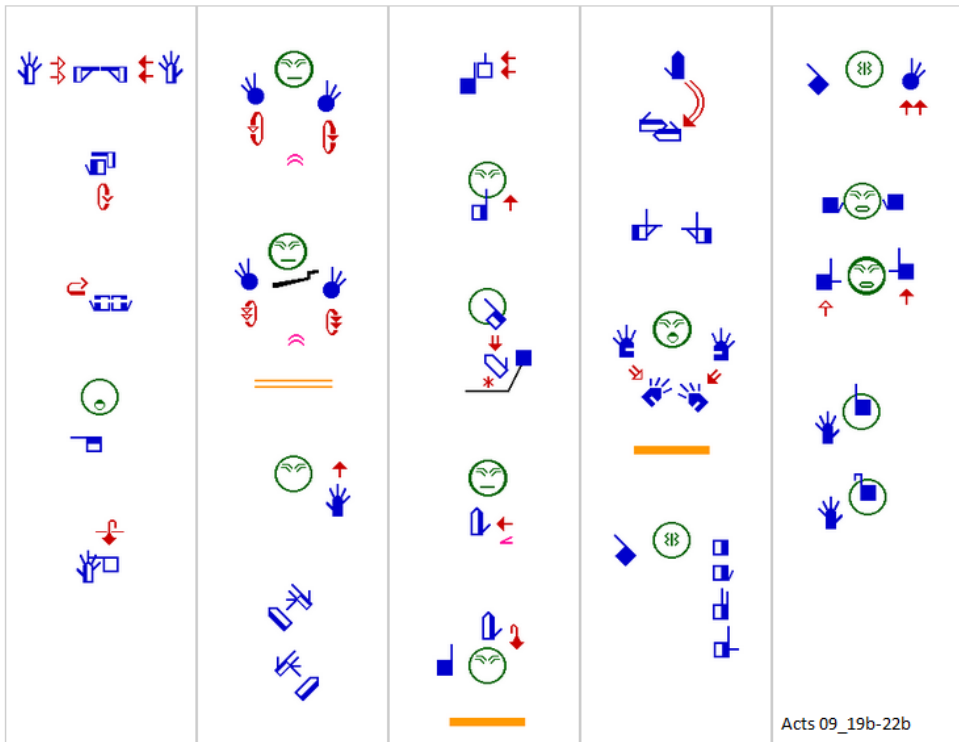
Saul was what we call today, "On fire for God." If we are like the world, why should they change? If we believe all people will finally be saved why should we preach? Our lives, our speech, should confound the world. We should be able to prove that Jesus is the Christ.

Once someone is convinced Jesus is the Son of God, the next step is to pray.

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



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