Where Saul Of Tarsus Was Not Saved
Acts 22:1-16

Introduction:
A. Saul of Tarsus "chief of sinners" became "our beloved brother Paul." (cf. 1 Tim. 1:15; 2 Pet. 3:15)
   1. How was Saul saved?
   2. Where was Saul saved? -- Answering this will answer first.
   3. Why is it important to know?
B. Saul of Tarsus was not saved in three places where people often say he was.

Discussion:
I. He Was Not Saved On The Damascus Road!
   A. Jesus told him why He appeared to him on the road. (Acts 26:16-18).
      1. To have part in apostleship one had to be a witness. (Acts 1:22-26).
      2. To have seen the Lord (a witness) was one proof of apostleship. (1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8,9).
   B. Jesus told him to go into city to be told what he must do to be saved. (Acts 9:6; 22:10).
      1. He was not told to go into city to be told of apostolic mission -- told that on road.
      2. He was not given "sweet peace to his soul" on road. (Acts 9:9)
      3. He was to go into city to be told terms of salvation.
         a. Terms of salvation not given directly from heaven. (Rom. 10:6-8;14-17).
         b. Terms of salvation given though human agency. (cf. 2 Cor. 4:7; Mk.. 16:16; 2 Tim. 2:2).

   A. If so, he was saved before being told what to do. (9:6)
   B. If so, he was saved before his sins were washed away. (Acts 22:16).
   C. If so, neither Jesus, Saul nor Ananias knew it.
      1. Jesus told Ananias to go to him.
      2. Saul was still without food - not rejoicing.
      3. Ananias went to him and told him to be baptized to wash away sins.

III. He Was Not Saved Anywhere Before He Was Baptized.
   A. He was told what the must do (Acts 9:6) - Not optional.
      1. Ananias was not to tell him to preach, witness, etc. -- had already been told.
   B. He was told to do same thing as others in N.T. were told with same results. (cf. Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:4-6; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet. 3:21).

Conclusion:
A. Saul was not saved on Damascus Road, while praying in Damascus, but in baptism.
B. We can be saved as Paul was saved -- and be what he was -- a Christian (cf. Acts 26:28-29).