

**“The Radicals:
This Generation, This World,
This Time”—Part Two**
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□ **The Life of a Radical: Acts 6 – 9**

- *Acts of the Apostles*: “As Saul yielded himself fully to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, he saw the mistakes of his life and recognized the far-reaching claims of the law of God. He who had been a proud Pharisee, confident that he was justified by his good works, now bowed before God with the humility and simplicity of a little child, confessing his own unworthiness and pleading the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. Saul longed to come into full harmony and communion with the Father and the Son; and in the intensity of his desire for pardon and acceptance he offered up fervent supplications to the throne of grace. The prayers of the penitent Pharisee were not in vain. The inmost thoughts and emotions of his heart were transformed by divine grace; and his nobler faculties were brought into harmony with the eternal purposes of God. Christ and His righteousness became to Saul more than the whole world.” (119, 120)
- When you meet the radical Christ on your Damascus road:
 - You will be convicted by the Holy Spirit.
 - You will repent of your disobedience to God and his Law.
 - You will be filled with an intense desire for pardon and acceptance.
 - Your proud heart will be transformed into childlike humility.
 - You will discover a new longing to commune with the Father and the Son.
 - Christ and his righteousness will become “more than the whole wide world” to you. *Be open, Be willing, Be praying and He will come*

“I am a debtor both Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise”

□ **The Life-philosophy of a Radical: Romans 1:14** *<to the whole world>*

- The two ways you can be in debt *GIFT – give to the person whom I was told to be given*
- John R. W. Stott: “Similarly, we are debtors to the whole World, even though we are not apostles. If the gospel has come to us (which it has), we have no liberty to

We have no right to keep to ourselves. Nobody may claim a monopoly of the gospel. Good news is for sharing. We are under obligation to make it known to others.” (*Romans* 59)

- Oswald Chambers: “So long as there is a human being who does not know Jesus Christ, I am his debtor to serve him until he does.” (*My Utmost for His Highest* 54)
- Ellen White: “By all that you have known of the love of God, by all that you have received of the rich gifts of His grace above the most benighted and degraded soul upon the earth are you in debt to that soul to impart these gifts unto him.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings* 135)
 - “[Romans 1:14]. So also are we. By all that has blessed our life above others, we are placed under obligation to every human being whom we might benefit.” (*Education* 139)
 - “According to the truth that we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them.” (*Evangelism* 218)
- David Platt: “Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every lost person this side of hell.” (*Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* 74)
 - “We owe Christ to the world—to the least person and to the greatest person, to the richest person and to the poorest person, to the best person and to the worst person. We are in debt to the nations. Encompassed with this debt, though, in our contemporary approach to missions, we have subtly taken ourselves out from under the weight of a lost and dying world, wrung our hands in pious concern, and said, ‘I’m sorry. I’m just not called to that.’ . . . [But] what if the very reason we have breath is because we have been saved for a global mission . . . the very purpose for which [God] created us?” (74, 75)

i can't do everything so I won't do anything is streight from hell.

*We owe the world Jesus—
We owe Jesus the world.*

“If you have My Heart”

What you have doesn't belong to you!

Holy Spirit, repent, desire, humility, communion, whole world, world, keep it to ourselves