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The quality of our future for a certainty is predicated on the plans and decisions we make today. Sometimes we are driven by our convictions but our values are wrong. The Apostle Paul, when he was known as Saul, was a threat to the early church. On the road to Damascus he had a life changing encounter with God. In just days God took him from a slaughtering threat breathing zealot against God and His people to a Holy Spirit filled preacher. Acts the ninth chapter says that straightway Paul preached Christ, that He is the Son of the living God.

The birth of a new future will put an end to the old past. Paul's goal was to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to be all Christ had in mind for him. Paul said "this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching for those things which are before." This is a good example for all of us to follow. Don't dwell in the past. Instead, grow in the knowledge of God by concentrating on your relationship with Him now. Know that you are forgiven, and then move to a life of faith and obedience. Look forward to a more meaningful life because of your hope in Christ.

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for Your saving grace. By the blood of Christ I am free from my past. I commit to You today to know You more, be more like You, and to live my life according to Your will.

Scripture for Today

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)