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NENVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE

Have you ever heard the saying “ you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?” You may have even said “That person will never change. They are stuck in their ways!” Maybe what these people need is to have their eyes OPENED by the Lord.

Early Christians must have seen this transformation in the APOSTLE PAUL. He is a fine example of what it means to change. His given name was Saul. He lived in the first century and was well educated by leading Jewish rabbis. Young Saul became a fiery persecutor of early Christians. It took the powerful voice of our Lord on the road leading to Damascus for him to finally ‘SEE’. He was overcome by light, fell to the ground and a voice from heaven asked him “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4)

As he trembled with fear, Saul uttered these words of repentance, “Lord, what do you want me to do?” By following Jesus, thru faith and repentance, Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and healed of his “blindness”. Literally, SAUL had become PAUL. After being baptized, he went on to spread the Word of God to many men and women throughout the world. Paul is a riveting example of someone changed by the Lord.

Next time you come across a person who may be ‘stuck in their ways’, remember, no one is beyond the salvation of God. A true encounter with our Lord always results in positive change. Once again, the Bible shows us an example of how we may reach those who we think of as beyond redemption!