

The Apostle Paul ***“Salvation & What to Expect” Part 1***

Introduction:

1. When a person experiences salvation through Jesus Christ, changes begin to happen, both inwardly and outwardly.
2. God immediately begins doing two things in that person's life:
 - a. He begins _____ them into the image of His Son. Romans 8:29
 - b. He begins _____ them to be a vessel that He can use. 2 Timothy 2:21
3. God uses several things to accomplish these tasks. In this lesson, we will look at these, as evidenced in the life of the apostle Paul in Acts 9:19-29.
4. What can we expect to happen after salvation?
 - I. First, God begins to provide us a new circle of _____. vs. 19, 25, 26-28
 - A. Paul's salvation changed his associations dramatically. Instead of being with people who hated and persecuted Christians, now Paul's friends were believers in Jesus Christ.
 - B. It is absolutely essential that new believers immediately begin to establish relationships with other _____.
 - C. God sets a _____ precedent on our friendships and relationships with others. Proverbs 2:20, 4:14-15, 9:6, 12:11, 13:20, 14:7, 22:24-25, 28:7
 - D. But sometimes, making a new circle of friends can be tough. (vs. 26) This brings me to my next point.
 - II. Secondly, God may allow us to go through times of _____.
 - A. Somewhere within the time context of Acts 9:19-25, we know that God led Paul into the wilderness area of _____ for a time. Paul mentions this in Galatians 1:15-18.
 - B. This was a desolate wilderness area where Paul was isolated from others and was all _____.

- C. It is not unusual for a new believer to go thru times of _____, especially in the transition time of making new friends.
- D. But God had a _____ for allowing Paul to go through the isolation of Arabia.
1. It was in this time period that God revealed to Paul the wonderful _____ of the gospel that we understand today. Galatians 1:11-12
 2. Through this Arabian experience God drew very _____ to Paul and showed himself mighty in Paul.
- E. Do not despise the Arabian times of isolation and loneliness. God can rain down many spiritual _____ in the times of desert solitude.