



- When a person experiences salvation through Jesus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ begin to happen both inwardly and outwardly.
- *"... he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."*  
**2 Timothy 2:21**
- After you become a Christian, what can you expect?

**You may initially go through times of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Somewhere within the time context of Acts 9:19-25, we know that God led Paul into the wilderness area of Arabia for a time. Galatians 1:15-18
- It appears that this was a desolate wilderness area where Paul was isolated from others and was all alone.
- It is not unusual for a new believer to go through times of \_\_\_\_\_, especially after you are first saved.
- You don't want to participate in the things your \_\_\_\_\_ friends may be doing, but you're uncomfortable and unsure of how to act and talk around other Christians.
- When Paul went to Jerusalem, he again went through an initial time of loneliness (vs. 26). Paul was experiencing some \_\_\_\_\_ pains in his new relationship with Christ.

- But God used a man by the name of Barnabas to encourage and help Paul. vs. 27-28
- Maybe God can \_\_\_\_\_ you to be a Barnabas to someone else.
- You may initially go through some times of loneliness, but here is the good news...

**You will begin to develop a new \_\_\_\_\_ of friends. vs. 19, 25, 26-28**

- It is absolutely essential that new believers immediately begin to establish relationships with other believers. Why is this so important?
  - ⇒ Many times, we just don't \_\_\_\_\_ in with our old crowd any more. 1 Peter 4:3-4
  - ⇒ We \_\_\_\_\_ so much by being around other believers.
- God sets a high precedent on our friendships and relationships with others.
- *"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."* **Proverbs 13:20**
- *"Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul."* **Proverbs 22:24-25**
- *"A man that hath friends must shew himself \_\_\_\_\_: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."* **Proverbs 18:24**