



- 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 _____.

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

You will begin to _____ spiritually.

- All of us begin as _____ Christians. 1 Corinthians 3:1 uses the phrase *"babe in Christ."*
- But a baby is expected to grow. Likewise, after salvation, a baby Christian should begin to _____.
- *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."* **2 Peter 3:18**
- *"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."* **Ephesians 4:15**
- What were some signs that Paul was growing spiritually in his Christian life?

⇒ **First, Paul exhibited a desire to _____
God's Word. vs. 22**

- ◇ Spiritual growth will not take place apart from the Bible.
- ◇ The Bible is the Christian's spiritual _____. It feeds our spirit and gives us spiritual strength.
- ◇ *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."*
1 Peter 2:2

⇒ **Second, Paul desired to tell others about _____ vs. 20**

⇒ **Third, Paul desired to be with other _____ vs. 19, 26, 28**

You can expect _____.

- It is very common for new believers to encounter many trials and problems after their salvation. Why is this?
- A new Christian has been delivered from the power of darkness (Colossians 1:13), and now _____ is his enemy and desires his destruction.
- Because many people will not understand nor appreciate your new _____ in Christ.