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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 19

GOD'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT

A Divine Detour that Changed the World

(Acts 9:1-19a)

INTRODUCTION:

"But the Lord said to him, "Go, for **he is a chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel."

—Acts 9:15

AN OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 9:

1A. SAUL'S _____ (v. 1-9)

"As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' **And he said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,...**" (v. 3-5)

2A. SAUL'S _____ (v. 10-19a)

"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for **he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel**; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake.'" (v. 15, 16)

3A. SAUL'S _____ (v. 19b-31)

"...and **immediately** he began to proclaim Jesus..."

1B. In Spite of _____ that _____ His _____ (v. 19b-25)

"...the Jews **plotted together to do away with him,...**" (v. 23)

2B. In Spite of _____ that _____ His _____ (v. 26-31)

"When he came to Jerusalem, **he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.....**" (v. 26, 27)

SAUL: GOD'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT

Salvation—the _____ of a sinner from condemnation and death to eternal life through the _____ work of Jesus Christ and the _____ and **regenerating** work of the Holy Spirit resulting in _____, —that is, repentance and faith — is the work of God's _____; and is encapsulated in the expression of God's "_____."

“...just as He **chose** us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”

—Ephesians 1:4

“But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord,
because **God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation** through sanctification
by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

—2 Thessalonians 2:13

“For this reason I endure all things for the sake of **those who are chosen**, that they also
may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.”

—2 Timothy 2:10

TWO STATEMENTS SAUL WOULD MAKE...

**1A. GOD’S GRACIOUS WORK IN MY LIFE—HIS CHOOSING ME—IS SO THAT I MIGHT BE AN
_____ OF THE _____ OF THE GOSPEL.**

“But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I
labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.”

—1 Corinthians 15:10

“And yet **for this reason I found mercy**, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ
might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him
for eternal life.”

—1 Timothy 1:16

**2A. GOD’S GRACIOUS WORK IN MY LIFE—HIS CHOOSING ME—IS SO THAT I MIGHT BE AN
_____ FOR THE _____ OF THE GOSPEL.**

“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s
OWN POSSESSION, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out
of darkness into His marvelous light.**”

1 Peter 2:9

“You did not choose Me, but **I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear
fruit**, and that your fruit should remain,...”

—John 15:16

TWO REMINDERS SAUL WOULD GIVE...

“But the Lord said to him, “Go, **for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before
the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel**, for **I will show him how much he must suffer for
My name’s sake.**” (v. 15, 16)

1. You will experience both _____ and _____. (v. 16)

2. You are the _____, not the _____. (v. 15)