

“FOR HE IS A CHOSEN INSTRUMENT OF MINE”

ACTS 9:1-19

Salvation is always initiated by God;

JOHN 6:44

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...

TITUS 3:3-5

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit

Persecution of Jesus Christ includes rejection of Jesus Christ;

MATTHEW 12:30

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

God allows no purposeless suffering for His children;

HEBREWS 12:11

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Saul's physical blindness and subsequent sight is a picture of his spiritual blindness and subsequent sight;

2 CORINTHIANS 3:14

But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

A mark of true Christians is they enjoy being together;

1 JOHN 3:14

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.

Saul is the ultimate picture of radical transformation;

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

