

The Needs of a New Convert



Acts 9:10-18

- Saul had a life changing experience with the Lord Jesus Christ, but he had some needs.
- The person who has just come to know Christ has many needs.

1. Need 1: to receive help from a very special believer.

A. Ananias was sensitive to God's call.

B. Ananias was willing to face difficult assignments.

C. Ananias was willing to be the answer to prayer.

- God told Ananias that Paul was praying; he was truly a new convert, seeking God's face.
 - God told Ananias that Paul had been given a vision – clear assurance – that a believer would come and help him.
 - All converts who are genuine desires to grow in the knowledge of the Lord.
- D. Ananias sensed inadequacy and apprehension.
- E. Ananias was willing to obey when God said go.

2. Need 2: to know that he is a chosen instrument of God (v. 15-16).

- The new convert is a priceless vessel, a vessel that must not be knocked over and broken, cast away, or neglected and ignored.

A. God has chosen the believer to bear the Lord's name.

- He needs to know that he is to bear the Lord's name in his heart and in his behavior and actions.
- The presence of Christ within the believer's heart is said to be a "treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7).

B. God has chosen the believer to suffer for the sake of the Lord's name.

3. Need 3: to experience to help and ministry of God's disciple (v. 17-18).

A. He needed the touch a disciple's hand and faithfulness.

B. The recognition of being a brother in the Lord.

C. The power of his healing ministry.

D. The sharing of the Holy Spirit's infilling; the power of the Spirit.