

Let Them Hear

Lesson Five • Acts 9:20-31

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We are God's CHOSEN VESSELS for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.

"Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." Acts 9:15-16

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1. We Are Chosen to PROCLAIM the Name of Jesus Christ!

Don't Wait!

Every Christ-follower should IMMEDIATELY begin proclaiming Jesus after their conversion to Jesus.

Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Acts 9:20

Get Ready!

Get ready to face OPPOSITION and REJECTION when you proclaim the name of Jesus.

Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Acts 9:23-24

And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. Acts 9:29

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was as disciple. Acts 9:26

And he declared to them...how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 9:27-29

2. We Are Chosen to SUFFER for the Name of Jesus Christ!

"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2Timothy 3:12

Now after many days were past... Acts 9:23

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. . . .Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. Galatians 1:18; 2:1

The "White Space" in Saul's Life

Most of the "white space" in Saul's life was characterized by SUFFERING.

Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 2Corinthians 11:24-27

The "White Space" in Your Life

Don't WASTE your "white space"—it's where God prepares you and purifies you.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2Corinthians 1:3-4

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. Philippians 3:7-8

You're God's Chosen Vessel, And You're Not Alone!

- Walk in the FEAR of the Lord.
- Walk in the COMFORT of the Spirit.
- Walk in the STRENGTH of the Church.