

Receiving Sinners into God's Church

Acts 9:10-19

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How does one conquer a region?

There is a war effort going on. You are part of the effort.

What are some signs of Covenant Curses in the Old Testament?

Deuteronomy 28:28-29; See Isaiah 59:10

God had given Saul in his blindness a vision.

God and Ananias

Who was Ananias? (Acts 22:12)

God's Command

God prepared a warm welcome for a converted persecutor.

Ananias' Objection

Should I walk as a lamb into the lion's mouth?

We can ask God questions. We can wrestle submissively with God.

God's Explanation

God knows what he is doing and is under no obligation to tell us what it is.

What is God creating with Saul?

This suffering is not retribution, payback or punishment.

Suffering is for the the glory of god and the blessing of the elect.

2 Timothy 2:10; see 2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Suffering for the sake of Christ is often a sign of his favor and an earnest of his reward.
(Acts 14:22; Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:16-17)

“Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease”

God plans the future.

He knows what Paul will do.

Ananias obeys

“Brother Saul.” What powerful words.

Accepted, forgiven, received. You are one of us now.

Regain your sight. (The Covenant Curse is lifted!!)

We need to accept and receive the greatest of repentant sinners. Why?

1) God can save the worst of sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15-16)

2) God can greatly use the worst of sinners. (1 Corinthians 15:9-10; Philippians 3:12-14)

3) God has foreordained your service and suffering for his name’s sake. (2 Timothy 3:12; Ephesians 2:10; Phil 1:29; 1 Peter 4:13; 5:10; Colossians 1:24)

4) God has a calling for you and for all; a purpose in life. A ministry to fulfill. (Colossians 4:17)