
POINT: EVERY CHRISTIAN IS TO BE LIKE A MOTHER! (Gal.4:19; 1Th.2:7)

INTRODUCTION: PAUL'S NEW BIRTH (Jn.3:3f; Acts 22:3-21(9:1-30; 26:9-20); see Dt.19:15; Mt.18:16)

I. EVANGELISM

A. GOD THE EVANGELIST

1. God set apart Paul *before his birth* (Gal.1:15; see Ps.22:9f; 71:6; 139:13; Eph.1:4)
2. God *raised* Paul in Jewish-biblical scholarship & spirituality (22:3; 26:24; Phil.3:5,6)
3. God *rebirthed* Paul in the midst of wicked persecution (Gal.1:15 /Acts 9,22,26; 1Tm.1:12f /Eph.2:5f,1f)
4. God *sent* Paul to be an eyewitness to the Gentiles (22:14,17f,21)
5. Conclusion: God *like a mother* to Paul in *giving him new birth & new life* in Christ (see Is.66:13)

B. ANANIAS THE EVANGELIST

1. Sent by God to *announce God's word* to Paul (22:12f; 9:10f,17; see Prov.31:1f)
2. Sent by God to *call* Paul to baptism (22:16; see 2:38; 10:48)
3. Conclusion: Ananias was *like a mother* to Paul in *bringing him to baptism*

C. PAUL THE EVANGELIST

1. Paul was like a mother *in labor* (22:21; see Gal.4:19; see 1Cor.4:15)
2. Paul was like a *nursing* mother (22:21; see 1Th.2:7)
3. Conclusion: Paul like a mother to the Gentiles in *bringing them to new birth & new life* in Christ

II. BAPTISM (22:16; see 2:38; 10:48)

A. AN EFFECTUAL MEANS OF GRACE (22:16; 1Pt.3:21; Tt.3:5 /Jms.5:15 /Eph.2:8; Rom.5:2; Heb.11:6)

B. THE IMMEDIATE GOAL OF EVANGELISM (22:16; 9:18; see Mt.28:19)

C. THE EVANGELIST LEADS TO BAPTISM (22:16; see 2:38; 10:48; see Mt.28:19)

D. CONCLUSION: BAPTISM IS *LIKE A MOTHER GIVING BIRTH* (see Jn.3:5f; Tt.3:5)

III. MOTHERHOOD

A. SUMMARY: AGENTS OF THE *NEW BIRTH* (see Mk.4:3f (1Cor.3:6); Jn.3:1f; 1Pt.1:3,23; see Is.66:7-17)

B. EVANGELISM: LIKE A MOTHER *IN LABOR* (Gal.4:19 (1Cor.4:15); see Jn.16:21)

C. BAPTISM: LIKE A MOTHER *IN WATER* (Jn.3:5f; Tt.3:5)

D. DISCIPLESHIP: LIKE A MOTHER *NURSING* (1Th.2:7-10; see Jn.13:33; 1Jn.2:1,etc(7x); 1Cor.4:14; see Gal.4:19; 2Cor.6:13; 11:28)

E. REVIVAL: *CARE FOR YOUR OWN CHILDREN* (Mt.28:19,20; see Eph.4:11,12f)

F. DISCIPLEMAKER: SPONSOR FOR BAPTISM (Mt.28:19,20; see Acts 22:16; 2:38; 10:48)

G. DISCIPLEMAKER: REAR BORN & BEAR NEW (see Acts 15:36 & 16:9f; also see 1Cor.4:17; 1Th.3:2; Tt.1:5 & 2Tm.4:5)

POINT: BE LIKE A MOTHER IN MAKING DISCIPLES! (Mt.28:18-20; see Gal.4:19; 1Th.2:7)

Discussion question:
Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)