

The Preparation of Saul: The Needs of a New Convert

Acts 09: 10–18

1 Need 1:
Help from a very special believer (disciple)

- a. A believer who was sensitive to God's call
- b. A believer who was willing to face difficult assignments
- c. A believer who was willing to be the answer to prayer

- d. A believer who sensed inadequacy and apprehension

- e. A believer who would obey God

2 Need 2:
To know he was a chosen instrument of God

- a. To carry the Lord's name
- b. To suffer for the Lord's name

10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.

16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

- 3 Need 3:**
***To experience the help
and ministry of God's disciple***
- a. The touch of his faithfulness
 - b. The recognition
of being a "brother"
 - c. The power
of his healing ministry
 - d. The sharing
of the Holy Spirit's infilling

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it.
Placing his hands on Saul,
he said, "Brother Saul,
the Lord — Jesus,
who appeared to you on the road
as you were coming here —
has sent me so that you may see again
and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 Immediately,
something like scales fell from Saul's eyes,
and he could see again.
He got up and was baptized.