

What Really Changed Paul's Life?

By Dan Winkler

All of Jerusalem was disturbed (Acts 21:30). Paul has been seized, dragged out of the temple, almost beaten to death, and falsely charged with desecrating the temple (Acts 21:30-32). Of interest, when he was finally allowed to defend himself, he talked about — of all things — his conversion.

He spoke of:

- 1) His "education" at the feet of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3).
- 2) His "convictions" relative to his the strictness of the law (Acts 22:3-4).
- 3) His "dedication" as a zealot, persecuting the church (Acts 22:3-5).
- 4) His "immersion" for the remission of sins (Acts 22:6-16).
- 5) His "commission" as one sent to the Gentiles (Acts 22:17-21).

Question: What really changed Paul's life? What turned him from one religion to another? What redirected his energies? Why was he converted?

Answer: He saw Jesus! On the road to Damascus, his associates saw the same light Paul encountered, but only Paul was temporarily blinded. Why? Because Paul was the only one to actually see the Lord in His glory, and it changed his life forever (Acts 22:6-9).

Even so, when you and I study the Old Testament, we are encouraged to anticipate a Savior. When we study the New Testament, we are introduced to Jesus as that Savior. If we are baptized into Him (Gal. 3:26-27) and allow Him to live in us (Gal. 2:20), like Paul, it will make all the difference in our lives and our eternity.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Gary Harris

Sermon- Don DeLukie

February 25th

Announcements- Phillip Simmons **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell

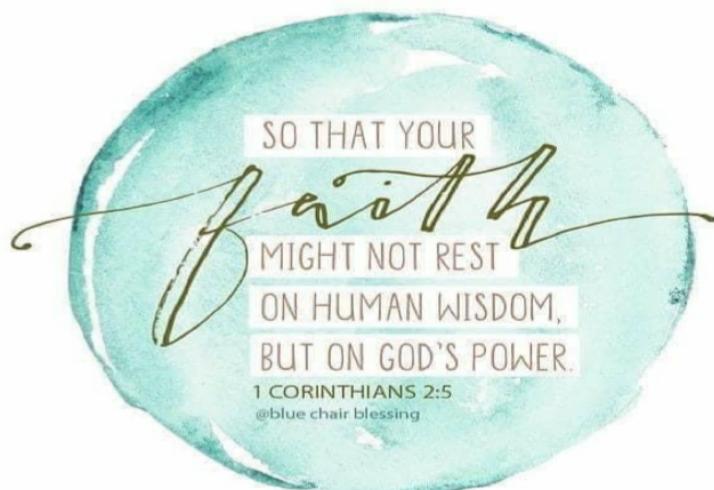
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be scheduled when Don has enough questions. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



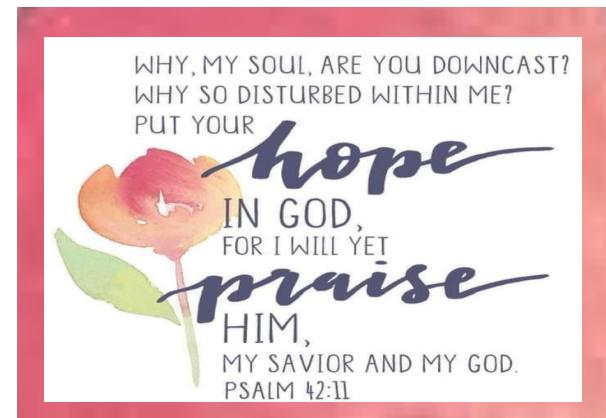
Please Pray For:

Brandee Barteet, Pete Parks, Debbie Grice, Mike Costello, Ted Blankston, Rick Cook, Brad Farrington, Billy Granger, Mitch Vidrine, Chuck Boyer, Louvenia Dickson, Ronnie Charrier, Barbara Wheeler, Joyce McDonald, Emmitt McDaniel, Misty Bible, Everett Frost, Bobby Wanderish, Jimmy Binford, Lynn Urban.

Bereaved: Families of Bruce Crain, Ivey Hendricks, Lorene Johnson, Margie Smith, Rose Lester, Gail Sewell.

Needing Long-term Prayers:

Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



February birthdays

- 1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
- 8 - Ed Haltom
- 9 - Lottie Dickson
- 13 - Alex Townsend
- 15 - William (Ronnie) White
- 22 - Sybil Binford
- 28 - Danny Silmon

February Anniversaries

- 22 - Jacob & Kara Freeman
- 29 - Chuck & Shannon Boyer

