

"The Riches of His Grace"



INTRODUCTION

1. I wonder what kind of a home Saul of Tarsus grew up in?
2. Young Saul grew up to be a _____
 - a) Acts 8:3 _____
 - b) Acts 22:3-5 and 26:9-11 _____
3. One day something happened to radically _____ (Acts 9:1-6)
4. The new concept he encounters? _____

DISCUSSION

I. Paul Understood That the Opportunity Extended to Him Was Totally By the Grace of God

- A. His own words...
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:9-10 _____
 2. 1 Timothy 1:12-16 _____
- B. Paul was aware of what was involved in changing his _____!
 1. As a persecutor, he was _____
 2. He learned that _____ cannot save!
 3. Believing something is _____ doesn't make it _____!
 4. That's a valuable lesson for us as well!
 5. 1 Peter 3:15 _____

II. Perhaps Transformation From Sinner to Saint In Our Lives Was Less Dramatic Than Paul's...

- A. It was nonetheless by the same _____
 1. Our sins were just as _____ (Romans 3:23 and 6:23)
 2. Our need for _____ was just as critical!
 3. Our salvation was just as _____!
- B. Grace is available to us (Ephesians 2:1-5) _____

III. How Did the Grace of God Work to Save Us?

- A. Grace is God's _____ pitying mankind
 1. Everything God made was _____ (Genesis 1:31)
 2. How quickly that _____!
 3. When sin became _____ grace became _____
- B. Grace is God's _____ planning for mankind
 1. Planning began before the problem did!
 2. Ephesians 1:3-4 _____
- C. Grace is God's _____ providing for mankind
 1. The Law of Moses to prepare a vehicle through which _____
 2. His nation was cared for, guided, protected
 3. _____ were sent to keep them "on track"
 4. "In the fullness of time, God sent _____" (Galatians 4:4)
 - a) John 3:16 _____
 - b) Immanuel -- "God _____ us"
 5. The final step of grace, Jesus became the "_____ of God"
 6. Romans 5:1-2, 6, 8, 10 _____

CONCLUSION

1. The wonders of grace are seen in what God _____
2. The wonders of grace are seen in what God _____

