

INTRODUCTION

- * Today is the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We rejoice in God for His gift of physical life. However, the greater gift is eternal life. God desires for us to have fellowship with Him for all of eternity. That is why Jesus came to the earth to pay the penalty for our sin!
- * Today, we see that great gift of life - eternal life - being extended to Saul of Tarsus - the persecutor of the church!
- * This NEW LIFE comes with a transformation ... we become "a new man." We are told in Scripture that our "old man" (evidenced by the works of the flesh) is put off and we are given a new nature (evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit). cf. Romans 6:5-6,20-23; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 5:16-25; Ephesians 4:17-24.
- * This transformational work of God is evidenced in the conversion of Saul of Tarsus

INSTRUCTION

I. THE OLD MAN (v. 1-2; Philippians 3:4-6)

A. His P _____ (cf. Philippians 3:5)

B. His P _____ (cf. Philippians 3:6)

II. THE TRANSFORMATION (v. 3-31)

A. The W _____ of G _____ (v. 3-7)

1. GOD PROVIDES THE MEANS OF SALVATION
2. GOD PROVIDES THE CALL TO SALVATION

B. The F _____ of R _____ (v. 8-22)

1. HE H _____ OF CHRIST (v. 8)
2. HE F _____ TO CHRIST (v. 9)
3. HE W _____ IN CHRIST (v. 17-18; Ephesians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
4. HE G _____ OF CHRIST (v. 19)
5. HE W _____ OF CHRIST (v. 20-21)
6. HE G _____ IN CHRIST (v. 22)

C. The R _____ of M _____ (v. 23-31)

1. THE CHURCH OF DAMASCUS (v. 10-19,25)
2. THE JEWS IN DAMASCUS (v. 20-25)
3. THE CHURCH OF JERUSALEM (v. 26-28, 30)
4. THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM (v. 29-30)

III. THE NEW MAN (v. 19-31)

A. His P _____ (cf. John 1: 10-13; Galatians 3: 26-27)

B. His P _____ (cf. Philippians 3: 7-14)

INTROSPECTION

- * How have you responded to the Holy Spirit's work - convicting you of righteousness, sin, and judgment?
- * What is your passion in life? ... What are you pursuing?
- * Is there is a distinct difference between your life in Christ and what it was prior to Christ?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What about us as a church? What would we say that our passion, or purpose, is? How can we be more intentional and determined to following a New Testament model?