

# **PAUL'S PALS**

## **An Introduction**

**Tonight we'll see how Paul was transformed from being  
one who sought to destroy Christians;  
to one who depended on them.**

### **I. PAUL'S TRANSFORMATION**

#### **A. FROM HORRIBLE ...**

1. Paul's pre-conversion conduct
  - See Acts 7:57-8:3; 9:1-2 and 22:4-5 with 26:9-11; along with Gal. 1:13-14
2. Paul could be likened to a modern-day terrorist

#### **B. TO HUMBLED**

1. See Acts 9:8-9
2. He changed from boisterous to blind.

### **II. PAUL'S TREATMENT** - Acts 9

- Immediately after his conversion we find Paul in need of assistance and receiving such.

#### **A. JUDAS' HOUSE (11)**

#### **B. ANANIAS (10-17) and see Acts 22:12-16**

#### **C. DAMASCUS DISCIPLES (19, 23-25)**

#### **D. BARNABUS (26-28)**

#### **E. JERUSALEM BRETHREN (29-30)**

#### **F. CONCLUSION: **Rather than destroying Christians, Paul is learning to depend on them!****

### III. PAUL'S TEAM

- A. HE REMEMBERS HIS FRIENDS - Romans 16:1-16
- B. HE REVEALS HIS COWORKERS - Col. 4:7-12; II Tim. 4:9-21 and Philemon 24
- C. HE REQUESTS FAVORS FOR HIS FRIENDS - Rom. 16:1-2, Titus 3:13 and Philemon 12-14
- D. HE RESISTS BEING ALONE - Acts 17:13-15; II Cor. 2:12-13; II Tim. 4:9-13
- E. SUMMARY: **Rather than destroying Christians, Paul is delighted by them!**

### CONCLUSION:

#### **Paul is passionate about his pals!**

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. <sup>10</sup> For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. <sup>11</sup> Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? <sup>12</sup> And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart. - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**What kind of friendships do we need?**

**What kind of friend are we?**