

A CHOSEN VESSEL

(ACTS 9:15)

When I was a teen I used to go to the park to play basketball. I wanted to get picked by who ever had next up on the court. I'm sure many of you can relate and wanted to be picked by your peers. When people pick you it gives you a sense of significance and security. It makes you feel like the person who picked you new you could help the team win. Everyone wants to be chosen. In (Acts 9) 2 men have been chosen by God. The 1st man most people would never choose but God did. The 2nd man was chosen in spite of his fears and what he heard about the 1st man. These 2 men's paths would cross. The 1st man did not have a good reputation with the church (Acts 9:1-2). The 2nd man was one of the leaders in the Damascus church and therefore an enemy of the 1st man (Acts 9:10). How many of you know that God has chosen you to go and bear fruit (John 15:16,17 - Fruit- godly attitudes, righteous behavior, praise, lead others to Christ)? God chose us and gave us a purpose (Eph. 1:3,4). This describes both a purpose and a result of God's choosing. The result is unrighteous people are declared righteous, unworthy sinners are worthy of salvation because we have been chosen in Him. God chose Paul on his way to sin. It was a sudden call (Acts 9:3). It was a call to question him (Acts 9:4). It was a call to purpose (Acts 9:5-6). Whenever God chooses you He always provides someone to help you see along the way as He directs you to your calling. (Acts 9:11-19).