

“A Good ...”

Acts 9:25-31

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God is g____. All of God’s gifts are g____.
(Psa.100:5; Jam.1:17; Psa.23:6)

I. A Good Desire

Good desires are a g____ from God. (Rom.3:9-12; Phi.2:12-13)

The Lord has established the local, visible c____ as the institution for carrying out the work of His kingdom. (Mat.18:18-20; 28:18-20; Act.2:41-47; Epistles)

Saul had been added to the church at Damascus, but now he had come to Jerusalem. His desire was now to be joined (g____) unto them. (Act.9:26)

We can always tell how important something is to someone by the l____ to which they will go to do it.

No one could talk Saul from this desire, nor keep him from t____ to be a member here. (Act.9:26; 2:41-47)

How great is your desire to be “joined” to the Lord’s church?

II. A Good Church –

A good church receives into her membership with open arms those who genuinely embrace by f____ Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are Scripturally baptized. (Act.2:41-42,47; Mat.28:19-20)

A good church uses c____ and prudence. There are those seeking to infiltrate the church for their own gain and for her destruction. Saul? (Act.9:26; 20:28-30; 2Co.11)

A good church is made up of members who are willing to lay down their lives for one another as the Lord Jesus laid down His life for us. Is this true of you?

III. A Good Brother

Saul didn’t have a good l____ from the church at Damascus, but he did have a good brother. (Act.9:27; 2Co.3:1)

Barnabas “got hold of” Saul. He stuck out his h____ and neck and investigated. Then he vouched for him. (Act.9:27) What about you? Are you a good brother to your brethren?

IV. A Good God

Our good God l____ His people into His good, acceptable and perfect will. (Rom.12:2; Act.9:26; 22:17-21; Psa.23)

Our good God:

- a) gives r____ from persecution, (Act.9:31; 1Ti.2:1-3)
- b) s____ to the edification of His people through the means He has ordained, (Act.9:31; Eph.4:16; Jud.20)
- c) b____ His people to the awareness of His presence and of their accountability to Him, (Rom.3:18; Joh.6:44)
- d) gives c____ by the Holy Spirit, (Act.9:31)
- e) a____ to and multiplies His churches. (Act.9:31; 2:47)