

# The Steps of A New Man

Acts 9:18-25

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For the most part what we see in our text today has application for all believers. The steps of a new man are “ordered by the L\_\_\_\_\_.” (Psa.37:23)

## I. Sight

Saul had been blind to the sinfulness of h\_\_\_ sin, to the glorious Savior Whom h\_\_\_ had resisted and against Whom h\_\_\_ had fought. So were all of us. (Rom.3:11)

Saul now saw the One Who i\_\_\_ life. His life would never be the same. He now saw life the “J\_\_\_\_\_ way” of seeing. (Act.9:18; 2Co.5:17; Joh.8:12; 6:67-68) Have you received this sight?

## II. Baptism

Saul i\_\_\_\_\_ identified with his Savior in baptism. It is taken for granted in Scripture that a\_\_\_ believers will. (Act.9:18; Mat.28:19; Mar.16:16)

Baptism (immersion) symbolizes what the Lord has done f\_\_\_ and i\_\_\_ us as believers. (1Co.15:3-4; Rom.4:25-5:1; 6:3-4) Have you followed the Lord in believers’ baptism?

## III. New Companions

The people of the Way, those who loved the Lord Jesus, were now his companions for l\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_. (Act.9:19) As birds of a feather flock together, so d\_\_\_ people of the Savior. (Act.9:19; 2Co.6:14-16; 1Jo.3:14; Act.2:42) Who are your companions?

## IV. Training (19b)

God’s children must be taught to observe a\_\_\_ things that the Lord Jesus has commanded us. (Mat.28:20)

Saul, as an apostle, was taught p\_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord. According to the New Testament epistles our training is to take place in the c\_\_\_\_\_. (Act.9:19; Mar.3:13-14; Gal.1:10-18; 1Ti.3:15) Are you giving yourself to learn and obey the ways of your Lord?

## V. A New Message (20, 22)

Saul now had a new message: Christ “is the Son of G\_\_\_”, and Jesus “is very Christ”. (Act.9:20,22; 1Co.1:17-24; 2:1-2) Is Jesus Christ and Him crucified the theme of your lips, the subject of your song?

## VI. Opposition (21-24)

A\_\_\_ that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (2Ti.3:12)

They were a\_\_\_\_\_ at Saul’s new faith. They schemed. They sought to k\_\_\_\_\_ him. Should you think it strange when you are persecuted? (Act.9:21,23,24; 1Pe.4:12)

## VII. The Assurance of Deliverance

The Lord assured Saul that H\_\_\_ would preserve his life until he finished the m\_\_\_\_\_ He had for him. (Act.9:15; 26:16-18; 2 Ti.4:17-18)

Why should the Lord preserve your life? Just to enjoy life? You’ll enjoy it much better in Heaven. He preserves us that we might fulfill His will in s\_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Rom.12:1-21) Are you?