



# **A Chosen Vessel**

**Acts 9:1-19**

“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God ...”

*(Acts 22:3 NASB)*

“But Saul *began* ravaging the church,  
entering house after house, and  
dragging off men and women, putting  
them in prison.”

*(Acts 8:3 NASB)*

“for he is a **chosen vessel** unto me...”

*(Acts 9:15 KJV)*

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**1) God does the choosing**

“Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, ***God chose things the world considers foolish*** in order to shame those who think they are wise.”

*(1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT)*

“And ***he chose things that are powerless*** to shame those who are powerful. ***God chose things despised by the world***, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.”

*(1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT)*

“As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.”

*(1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NLT)*



“But when God, *who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace*, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult anyone.”

*(Galatians 1:15-16 NIV)*

## A Chosen Vessel

- 1) **God does the choosing**
- 2) **God does the shaping**

## God does the shaping

- **A new name and vocabulary**
  - **Acts 9:17**
  - **Acts 9:20**

## God does the shaping

- **A new name and vocabulary**
- **A new identity and new life**
  - **Romans 1:1**
  - **Ephesians 2:4-5**

“... even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us ***alive together with Christ*** — by grace you have been saved.”

*(Ephesians 2:5 ESV)*

## God does the shaping

- **A new name and vocabulary**
- **A new identity and new life**
- **A new future**
  - **Philippians 3:13**

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- 3) **God does the filling**



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- 1) **God does the choosing**
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- 3) **God does the filling**  
**- The Holy Spirit**



## God Does the Filling - The Holy Spirit

- **Advocate and Teacher**
  - **John 14:26**
  - **Romans 8:16**

## God Does the Filling - The Holy Spirit

- **Advocate and Teacher**
- **Intercessor**  
- **Romans 8:26**

## God Does the Filling - The Holy Spirit

- **Advocate and Teacher**
- **Intercessor**
- **Giver of Power**  
- **Acts 1:8**

When we stand and speak in the name of Jesus, in our everyday, ordinary lives, we **never** stand alone! We stand in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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- 1) **God does the choosing**
- 2) **God does the shaping**
- 3) **God does the filling**
- 4) **God determines the use**



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