

ACTS
Growth and Encouragement
Acts 9:19-31

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1. The Lord worked mightily in Saul to bring about spiritual _____ in his life while he was in Damascus.

- a. Spiritual growth takes place in fellowship with the local _____.
- b. A _____ on Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, is required for real spiritual growth.

“As soon as Saul knew Christ Himself, he preached Him to others and Him he always made the subject of his ministry.” - John Gill

- c. The Lord brought about an uncommon increase in spiritual _____ in Saul as He prepared him in Arabia for apostolic ministry.
- d. When Saul’s _____ was threatened, his fellow believers came to his aid to help him flee.

2. The Lord encouraged Saul in ministry during his time in Jerusalem.

- a. Saul sought to join the Jerusalem Church and they challenged him about the _____ of his conversion to Christ.
- b. The Lord brought Barnabas alongside to encourage Saul.
- c. The Lord used Saul to encourage and _____ others with the gospel of Christ.
- d. When Saul’s life was threatened, his fellow believers came to his aid to help him _____.

3. It is encouraging to see the church as a whole growing in the Lord.

- a. The church is _____ firmly on the foundation of Christ.
- b. The church _____ in size and in maturity.
- c. The church moves _____ in a godly fear and worship of the Lord.
- d. The church moves forward through the encouragement and _____ of the Holy Spirit.