



**“I have finished the race.”** (2 Tim 4:7)

He was “a Hebrew of Hebrews” (Phil 3:5), known first by his Hebrew name, Saul. As a young man (Acts 7:58), he was convinced that he ought “to do many things in \_\_\_\_\_ the name of Jesus of Nazareth” (Acts 26:9-11).

Now, in his last preserved letter—known to us by his Roman name, Paul—the same man describes himself as “an \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus” (1:1). What had changed? What race was he finishing, and how? **How can he still help us?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven (1:11; Acts 9:1-9)
- The purpose and grace of a \_\_\_\_\_ (1:9-10; Acts 9:10-17)
- A cleansed \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3; Acts 9:18-22)
- Sincere \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5; Acts 9:26-28)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sound words in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus (1:13; Acts 9:31)
- A \_\_\_\_\_ not of fear but of power and love and self-control (1:7)
- Leaving the rest in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1:12)

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“ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” (1:2)