## WHO AM I? \& WHY AM I HERE?

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## I. Acts 26:12-18

A. V14-Saul rejecting the LORD

1. Persecuting - dioko - To pursue, to flee; intense effort and with definite purpose or goal. To organize a program to persecute or harass people.
2. Kick against the goads - Rebellion against lawful authority, causing greater difficulty.
B. V15-Saul recognizes the LORD
3. Lord - kurios - Title for God or Jesus; Supreme in authority, title of respect for one who rules or exercises authority over others.

## C. V16-Directive of purpose

1. Rise - anistemi - To come into existence, assuming a place or position.
2. Stand - histemi - Continue in your place in spite of resistance; Firmly planted \& established
a) Col 2:6-7
b) Ps 92:12-14
3. Appeared - optanomai - To be seen by or to be visible to; something remarkable
4. Purpose - Planned in advance, put in place before hand.
5. Minister - huperetes - under oarsman, subordinate; assistant or servant acting under the direction of another.
6. Witness - martus - One who testifies from personal knowledge; gives evidence; martyr
a) 1 Cor 2:4-5
b) 1 Thess $1: 5$

## 7. Minister and Witness of $\mathbf{2}$ Things:

a) Things you have seen - eido - Fullness of knowledge, know completely.
(1) Past - Things you know and are familiar with, your experience
b) Things which I will yet reveal to you - optanomai - Things you don't currently know but I will show you. Things that are there and available but you are not aware of them.
(1) Future - New things that you don't know and are not familiar with
(2) 1 Cor 2:9-10

## D. V18-Desired Result of Purpose

1. To Open their eyes - Speaks of blindness, cannot see where they are going; unable to discern or judge

## a) Eph 4:17-18

b) Rom 2:19
c) Open - having no enclosing or confining barrier: accessible on all or nearly all sides; being in a position to permit passage: not shut or locked
d) Isa 61:1 1...To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2. To Turn from - epistrepho - To twist around, to change one's manner of life in a different direction
a) Darkness - skotos - shadiness, a shadow; Cast by an object that blocks the passage of rays of light.
b) Light - phos - To shine or make manifest, luminous
(1) 1Peter 2:9-Called out of darkness into His marvelous light!
(2) Eph 5:8 - Walk as children of light
(3) John 12:46 - Whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.
c) Power - exousia - Authority; State of control over someone; The ability or strength along with the right to exercise the power that is given.
(1) Col 1:13 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

