Northwest Bible Church - Feb. 3, 2019 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 9:15-20**

*Chosen to Serve and Suffer*

Intro

**A. CHOSEN TO SERVE (Acts 9:15).**

 1. The scope of Saul’s ministry:

 2. The qualification for Saul’s ministry.

 a. Born in Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 22:3).

 b. He is a Jew, of the tribe of Benjamin (Phil. 3:5).

 c. He was born a Roman citizen

 d. He is filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17).

**B. CHOSEN TO SUFFER (Acts 9:16).**

1. Realms of suffering.

 a. Family.

 b. Religious standing.

 c. Physical affliction. 2 Cor. 11:23-27.

2. Reasons for suffering.

 1. Suffering for past sins?

 2. Suffering for sanctification.

 3. To be conformed to Christ’s image (Rom. 8:29).

 4. Prepare us for glory. Mt. 5:11-12; Rom. 8:18.

**C. SAUL’S HEALING AND EARLY MINISTRY (Acts 9:17-20).**

 1. Ananias’ unconditional love (Acts 9:17).

 2. Saul’s healing, filling with the Holy Spirit and ministry (Acts 9:18-20).

Conclusion