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SUBJECT: The Pattern Convert

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(ὁμοτύπωσις) ("pattern, 'sample'")

The conversion of Paul, in one sense, is typical, representative.
of his own description of it in I Cor. 15:8 "one born..." A wonder in itself.
But in another way, he truly points out, his conversion a model, a type,
a pattern, an example of Paul's year for all other believers.
of a private - a first prof. early impressions from engraving, a specimen
of those to follow. Paul - Augustine - John Bunyan - the Whitefield
of an artist - first an outline, an ideal sketch, for every future
portrait. This is the way God does it - although, makes out in
each individual with infinite, detail differing. All conversions
in the regard for Paul's - a typical instance, the giving of it is the best

I. An instance of our Lord's long-suffering.
τὴν ἰσχυρὰν μακροθυμίαν
the whole long-suffering

1. In sparing his life.
of Almighty God but lifted its finger - crushed him as a moth.
But the greatness of God - His wrath held back - the rebel kind on
When presided over stoning of Stephen - we would have thought: "Now
God will strike you dead, as He did Ananias, eater of worms."
When reached out for life, blood of Christians, even such strange words,
we would have thought God say, "This is enough; no more patience."

2. In forgiving his sins.
Washed it away; held it not against him; forgiven completely, utterly.
His sins so grievous - "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"
Ravaging the flock of Christ, slaying Christ himself. "What are the
heads of this, my brethren?" yet the Lord paid it all away.

I can imagine, with tears flowing, he writes these great sentences:
Rom. 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them..."
5:1 "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace... then we do."
5:20 "... when sin abounded, grace did much more abound."
II Cor. 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new man... all things are new."

II. A pattern, sample, of how God saves men.

1. A work of divine grace, power.
 Nothing at all is done to give hope & his salvation.
 Had you sight & his as in a mirror, find nothing on which to rest a hope...
 Natural bent
 Early training
 All his surroundings
 His life circumstances } all fit him his to judgement.

9. The first 12 who were told of his conversion could hardly believe it. The
 Lord himself had to reiterate with Ananias Acts 9: 13, 14, 15

10. The church at Jerusalem refused to believe he a disciple 9: 26
 Barnabas had to sponsor him. 9: 27

The soil of his heart rocky; flesh & bone body tries to tell it; ^{good seed} ^{is sown}
 yet the Lord counted sand. work of pure grace.

a work of divine grace, power
 So every soul must be touched, quickened by the H & T of God.
 A true work of regeneration is the work of the H & T.
 Regeneration is not a work of God's omnipotence as is a
 resurrection; as the dead ^{that} raise themselves, with no need
 of your conversion or witness, the preacher's power is } = deception
 " " salvation the result of your own power" }

2. A work immediately, instantaneously done.
 One done, done at once.
 One moment under power, Satan - next moment under grace

True of all conversions:

of. Sudden. However gradual (break) day a time when ^{may} ^{believe}
 of the old man, asks, "How do I?" not know; but a time when ^{longer}
 There was a time when the change was made - believe ^{not from} ^{it}.

We are not compelled to remain in unbelief, any longer, sin
 a single moment - not need any long, believing. now.
 a conversion - being - a being new gradual. now.
 Saved at the spot. Lift eye up to light, it. - immediately

3. A work of faith.

Believed not eternal life. Could have repented the night.
 Criticized in his words, studied to the law, a Pharise, & the
 But he turned aside from his own work - created them a
 refuse, less than nothing - to follow Christ, who is your light.
 He writes in all his spirit - "not by works, righteousness" - "It is
 by grace through faith..."

Then very low again, such truth in your; renounce my
 this the shall - man, a true repentance; - give all glory to you.
 Faith in you the work of salvation, is the coming, breath the Holy Spirit.

4. A work of life transformation.

1:13
 One of blasphemy - said of the life - causing shame by you to blaspheme
 " - persecuted - " - hand - hated X, & people, when hunted
 " - inquisitor - " - in prison, place - despising the cross / &.
 (the work of the Holy Spirit)

Now, we gratefully praise the faith he once destroyed.
 Now, working at the same 7 years' names.

1) Saul, turning had been into the name	} with recognizing each other.
" Paul the Apostle	
	The old Saul
	The new Paul

So the new life is X a changed life.

People around may perceive: language, conduct, choices
 ; even the face, church, ...

(2) The wicked, caring former converted. Next morning, was
 kicked very hard, with all over his. Bunched it off my, &
 " It is in mouth to Christ in you..."

III. Served to save others. Acts 9: 13, 16.

of the Jewish nation, chosen to receive presence of Jesus
to be blessing to all nations. families & youth
of the people, growth, related to bear the message of Christ.

1. So Paul, an instrument of God in reaching others.

An Andrew to Simon: a John to James: a Philip to Nathanael

A laboring man - for Jesus

A man of station, wealth - for Jesus

A youth - to reach youth

A family - their lives

The mysterious thread did connect us with the destiny of
lost men of the world: the utterly new - Luke.
: 19: 2 Body power to the Son
John 28: 18 That power to us, through;

2. To preside in hope.

Paul's description of Roman world in Romans!.
yet into that darkness would Paul plunge... and save
souls - never doubted the possibility of the conversion...
In regions beyond - how indelibly did he labor, pray...
Bore persecution patiently - death, with decorated his - the fire
of God in his soul - 'Necessity' is laid upon us; yes, we... &

Tell the story of his conversion over, over again.
of God save Paul, save you
of bridge over a river, carry you.
of dove with olive branch to Noah, for you.
of rough block of stone - your faith, polished with a pillar
in light, that.