

**A Witness
To The
Faith**

Acts 26:19-29

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19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Acts 26:22-26

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

Acts 26:26-29

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

How Did Paul Get Here?

- A. A stressful and frustrating time for Paul**
- B. Accused and arrested in Jerusalem by the influence of the Jewish Sanhedrin**
- C. Moved from Jerusalem to Caesarea**
- D. Under house arrest for more than two years by Festus and Felix**
- E. Paul appeals to Caesar**
- F. Paul's testimony before King Agrippa**

I. The Commitment Of Paul (26:19-21)

A. His obedience (v 19)

1. Not disobedient to the heavenly vision

2. Obedience required but often dismissed

2 Timothy 1:15

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

I. The Commitment Of Paul (26:19-21)

B. His ministry (v 20)

1. His scope

2. His singlemindedness

2 Timothy 1:11

**Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle,
and a teacher of the Gentiles.**

I. The Commitment Of Paul (26:19-21)

C. His message (v 20)

1. Its simplicity

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

2. Its statement

Colossians 1:6

Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

I. The Commitment Of Paul (26:19-21)

D. His misery (v 21)

1. His remembrance

2 Corinthians 11:26

In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

2. His resolve

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

II. The Confession Of Paul (26:22-23)

A. His Dependence (v 22)

1. On the help of God

Psalm 115:11

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

2. On His deliverance

2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

II. The Confession Of Paul (26:22-23)

B. His Confidence (v 22)

1. To witness to all

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

2. In the truth

John 5:39

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

II. The Confession Of Paul (26:22-23)

C. His Assurance (v 23)

1. In the testimony of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

II. The Confession Of Paul (26:22-23)

C. His Assurance (v 23) - continued

2. Gives hope regardless of the decisions of men

Philippians 1:20

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Titus 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

III. The Compassion Of Paul (26:24-29)

A. In spite of rebuke (vv 24-26)

1. Answers with discretion

Proverbs 26:4-5

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

2. Answers with direction

III. The Compassion Of Paul (26:24-29)

B. His Question (v 27)

1. If you believe the Word of God

2. Must believe the God of the Word

Isaiah 53:1

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

III. The Compassion Of Paul (26:24-29)

C. His Devotion (v 29)

1. His desire

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2. Our duty

Romans 5:5

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

III. The Compassion Of Paul (26:24-29)

D. His Perception (v 29)

- 1. He was aware of unbelievers present**
- 2. He saw the continual need to witness**
 - 1. Until all are saved**
 - 2. Until his physical life is ended**
- 3. He remained committed to the Gospel**

**Are You A Witness
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