

Acts 26

Questions

1. What was Paul's attitude as he began to make his defense before Agrippa (26:1-3)?

2. What did Paul say in his defense to Agrippa concerning the following?

His former life in the Jews' religion (26:4-5) –

His reason for being judged and accused (26:6-8) –

His purpose in going to Damascus (26:9-12) –

His encounter with Jesus on the way to Damascus (26:13-15) –

His commission from Jesus to go and preach to others (26:16-18) –

His obedience to that commission (26:19-20) –

His message to others (26:21-23) –

3. What did Festus charge Paul with being and how did Paul respond (26:24-26)?

4. What question did Paul ask Agrippa and how did Agrippa respond (26:27-28)?

5. What did Paul desire of all who heard him that day (26:29)?

6. What was the response to Paul's defense (26:30-32)?

Digging Deeper

1. What other two chapters in the book of Acts record the conversion of Paul (26:4-23)?

2. What is a Pharisee (26:5)?

3. Were the 12 tribes of Israel still in existence in Paul's day (26:7)?

4. What is a goad (26:14)?

5. Who previously in the book of Acts was charged with being "mad" (26:24)?

Applications for Today

1. We should be happy to defend ourselves with the truth when we have done nothing wrong (26:2; 1 Cor. 9:3).

2. It is good to be trained from your youth up to serve God (26:4-6; Psa. 71:5, 17; Eccl. 12:1; 2 Tim. 3:15).

3. Our hope is to one day be resurrected with the just after we die (26:6-8; Lk. 14:14).

4. We need to preach the gospel to people so they can turn from the "darkness" of sin and error, to the "light" of righteousness and truth (26:18, 23; Jn. 8:12; 12:35; 2 Cor. 4:4-6).

5. Faith in Christ makes us sanctified (26:18; Jn. 4:10, 14; 7:38-39; Rom. 5:1-2; Gal. 2:20).

6. Let us never be disobedient to the commands and commissions of Jesus (26:19; Ezek. 2:7-8; 3:14; Gal. 1:16-17).
7. True repentance will show itself in works (26:20; Mt. 3:8).
8. God will help us (26:22; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17-18).
9. Faithful Christians have nothing to hide. Truth, soberness, and openness should always be their practice and it also provides a good defense when falsely accused (26:25-26; 2 Cor. 4:2; Tit. 2:7-8).
10. Don't be almost persuaded to become a Christian. Be all together persuaded and do it before it is too late (26:28; Mk. 6:20; 10:17-22).
11. Are we living the faithful Christian life that we can say to others, like Paul, "become such as I am" (26:29; 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9)?