

PAUL'S SPEECH TO AGRIPPA.

INTRO.:

A. Read text: Acts 25:23-27.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Paul's life is in jeopardy for preaching the gospel.
2. At Caesarea, Paul spoke before Felix, then Festus.
3. King Agrippa was informed of Paul's case.
 - 1) He wants to hear what Paul has to say.
 - 2) Paul comes before the king and is told that he can speak for himself (26:1).

C. Paul's response is a great example for all Christians.

1. His response to Agrippa contained *three essential things*.
2. Paul spoke of ...
 - 1) HAPPINESS.
 - 2) CONVICTIONS.
 - 3) AND A PLEA FOR OBEDIENCE.

DISCUSSION: LET US OBSERVE...

I. HIS HAPPINESS (26:2).

A. He was happy to have the opportunity to declare his conversion.

1. The opportunity to speak of eternal hope. (Remember, he was to be tried for preaching the gospel!)
 - 1) 1 Peter 3:15.
 - 2) 2 Timothy 2:25.
 - 3) Acts 20:20.
 - 4) Acts 20:26-27.

B. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel.

1. Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 4:15.
2. Acts 20:18-25.

II. THE BASIS OF HIS CONVICTION (ACTS 26:9-15).

A. At first, he was convinced he was right in his persecutions.

1. Acts 26:9-10.
2. The conversion is evident! (Now a prisoner!)
 - 1) Philemon vs. 1.
 - 2) Philemon vs. 9.

B. His conversion brought a strong conviction.

1. Act 26:19-20.
2. Conviction was evidenced by his change of action!
3. Many people today lack conviction.

C. Sometimes I wonder what I would say about my conviction.

III. HIS PLEA FOR OBEDIENCE (ACTS 26:29).

A. Paul was interested in the soul of King Agrippa.

1. The evidence of his courage and conviction.
2. No matter the circumstance!
 - 1) Ephesians 6:19-20.
 - 2) Act 21:13.

B. It is a simple plea -- OBEY HIM! (Hebrews 5:9.).

1. NOTE: Examples of obedience (Acts 2:37-41; 22:16; etc.)

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. To become a Christian, we must obey the gospel (Mark 16:15-16).

B. After baptism, we must be faithful to Him (2 Timothy 4:7-8; Revelation 2:10).