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THE BOOK OF ACTS

Paul Tells His Testimony (Acts 21-23)

When was the last time that you told your testimony to anyone? *A couple of days ago? A few weeks ago? Perhaps longer? Perhaps never?* One of the most effective methods that a Christian can use to share his faith is by giving a personal testimony. A testimony tells others how you came to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and how He has changed your life. A testimony is a living story that glorifies God and testifies to the saving power of Jesus Christ. In this lesson we shall study the exciting “Damascus Road” testimony of the Apostle Paul. It is recorded in Acts 22.

PAUL’S VISITS TO JERUSALEM

Ac 21:15 And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. 16 Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge. 17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

- Record Paul’s previous visits to Jerusalem:
 1. Ref. _____ Purpose: _____
 2. Ref. _____ Purpose: _____
 3. Ref. _____ Purpose: _____
 - What was the reason for Paul’s last visit to Jerusalem? _____
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PAUL SEIZED & ARRESTED AT THE TEMPLE

Ac 21:30 And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. 31 Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. 32 He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. 33 Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done.

- What prophecy did Roman Commander fulfill in verse 33? _____

PAUL TELLS HIS TESTIMONY

Read Acts 22:1-21

#1-Paul's Testimony as a STORY of GLORY

- v11, "I could not see for GLORY of that light."
- What changes took place in Paul's life as a result of his conversion? _____

- What happens when a person is saved? _____

#2 - Paul's Testimony as a STATEMENT of FACT

- In what way can a personal testimony be compared to a golden wedding ring? _____

#3 - Paul's Testimony as a SHOW of GRACE

- What does Paul's testimony reveal to us about the grace of God?
- Turn to 1 Timothy 1:12-16. What does "exceedingly abundant" mean? _____

PAUL'S TESTIMONY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW!

- Every Good Testimony ought to Have 3 Points:
 1. A Starting Point (v3-5)
 2. A Turning Point (v6-10)
 3. A Finishing Point (v11-21)
- A good testimony also takes thought, prayer and preparation!

PAUL'S VISION:

Ac 23:11 But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

- In what ways do you think that this vision greatly encouraged Paul? _____

- PERSONAL APPLICATION: Consider your own personal testimony. How can you use it to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ?



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