

Bible Study 13 – Paul’s testimony – Acts 22:1-29

The last 25% of Acts (Acts 21:33 - 28:30) is devoted to the time Paul was a prisoner. As the gospel had been advancing triumphantly wherever it went, we might have expected a different ending. This two years of imprisonment is covered in 240 verses compared to 17 verses on his of two years in Corinth and 41 verses on his three years of successful ministry in Ephesus. Why? First, it is the final rejection of the gospel by the Jewish people as a whole and the people of God become predominately Gentile. Second it records Paul’s defense of the Christian faith before both Jewish and Roman tribunals, which is important for Christian apologetics.

The context	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Paul’s first missionary journey was to Cyprus and south-eastern Turkey where they established churches. Then Paul preached and established churches on his second missionary journey. Then Paul went on his third missionary journey encouraging the churches that he had established. Finally, he was arrested in Jerusalem by Roman soldiers for causing a riot. Then Paul asked to address the people.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 22: 1-29

Before conversion (v.1-5)	
Conversion (v.6-16)	
Sent to the Gentiles (v.17-21)	
Persecution (v.22-29)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. Why do you think the Jews tried to kill Paul (v.21-22)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Paul gave an account of his conversion from Judaism to Christianity. Then he said that God had told him to evangelise the Gentiles. Because the Jews caused a riot, Paul was flogged and imprisoned by the Romans.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points