

Bible Study 17 – Responses to Paul’s message – Acts 22:22-25; 23:12-15; 24:22-26; 26:24-32; 28:24-28.

I found out not long ago that I have some colour-blindness with blues and greens. For years I drove a car that I considered to be green until my wife told me it was blue. This is similar to the unbeliever’s condition. It’s not that they aren’t smart enough or that those who have shared Jesus haven’t done so eloquently enough. It’s that they are Christ-blind. Where some see glory, others see nothing until they turn to the Spirit of God for understanding, and He will remove the veil from their hearts and the blindness from their eyes so that they might understand and obey the gospel of God.

The context	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Paul went on three missionary journeys to Cyprus, Turkey and Greece where they established churches. Finally, he was arrested in Jerusalem by Roman soldiers for causing a riot. Then Paul spoke to the people and the Sanhedrin. Then the Jews tried to kill Paul, but the Romans took him to be tried by the Governor, Felix. Two years later he was tried by the governor Festus and king Herod Agrippa II was present.
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PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words

Jews & Romans (22:22-25) (23:12-15)	
Felix (24:22-26)	
Festus & Agrippa (26:24-32)	
Jewish leaders (28:24-28)	

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 these passages?

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

6. Why do many reject the good news about Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)?

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

The good news about Jesus is often rejected because Satan has the power to deceive people so that they are blind to the gospel.

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