

## PAUL'S TRIAL BEFORE FESTUS & TESTIMONY BEFORE AGRIPPA (Acts 25–26)

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1. After \_\_\_\_\_ and with Porcius Festus as the new Roman governor of Judea, the Jewish leaders continued to falsely \_\_\_\_\_ Paul and sought to \_\_\_\_\_ him. (vv. 1-5)

- *What should we remember as believers when falsely accused? (Ps. 37:1-11; 1 Cor. 4:1-5)*
- *Who was probably with Paul during this time and what was he doing? (Luke 1:1; Acts 1:1; 21:17)*

2. According to Roman law, Paul had the right as a Roman citizen to face his accusers and defend himself (v. 16), but he knew he would not receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem (Luke 13:34), so he used his additional \_\_\_\_\_ of *provocatio* to appeal directly to the emperor for a judgment on his case. (vv. 6-12)

### f) King Agrippa's Request to Hear Paul (25:13-27)

- 1. Festus did not understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the charges against Paul, so he sought the advice of King Herod Agrippa II (AD 28-100) and his sister Bernice, who were part Jewish and better acquainted with Jewish history, customs, and doctrine, in order to give the emperor an accurate charge against Paul. (vv. 13-27)
- 2. Governor Festus's own testimony would have served effectively as a Roman \_\_\_\_\_ in defense of Paul when he stood trial before Caesar in Rome. (vv. 18, 25)

- *Who had already determined that Paul would witness before Herod and in Rome before Caesar? (Acts 9:15-16; 23:11)*

**g) Paul's Testimony & Defense before Agrippa (26)**

*Paul's testimony before Agrippa provides a good example for us as believers today in sharing the gospel through our personal testimonies.*

1. He viewed his circumstance \_\_\_\_\_ (*makarios*) as an opportunity to share the gospel with someone who would understand his own Jewish background. (v. 1)
  2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in his address to Agrippa. (vv. 2-3)
  3. He explained his \_\_\_\_\_ background and what he thought about \_\_\_\_\_ prior to his salvation. (vv. 4-11)
  4. He explained how he came to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about \_\_\_\_\_ and how to receive Him \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 12-23)
  5. He appealed to \_\_\_\_\_ to support his claims about the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 22-23)
  6. When his hearers reacted, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ with them about the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than taking \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 24-26)
  7. He aimed for the heart and appealed to his hearer's \_\_\_\_\_ to choose to believe in Christ. (vv. 27-29)
- *How would Agrippa's testimony have helped Paul's case? (vv. 30-32)*