

• Never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right.
 (Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.)
 • Saved people convince themselves that b/c it is me, it is acceptable ("God blesses")
 • Blessed in spite of yourself.
 Believes/trusts in his testimony more than obedience (flesh)

• The best of men are at best men
 Ps 39:5 every man at his best state is altogether vanity
 • Good motives do not give strength

THE ACTS.

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Acts 7:54 Stephen
 John 10:37 Jesus: that I should bear witness unto the truth
 Rev 2:13 Antipas - faithful martyr.
 Rev 17:6 blood of the martyrs (Cath. ch.)

1 COR 4:13 offscouring of the earth

Pulled out his citizenship card

Philo 3:4-8. Later considers it dung
 Here he preached Paul this conversion (Not get to gospel)

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 5:21
 6:12-5

that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: *A witness of the truth*

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conscience before God until this day.

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

often unto death

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

Not meekness
 1 Pet 2:23 when thou art reviled revile not again
 Luk 6:28 Bless them that curse you

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. *End of discussion*

Acts 7:58; 8:1.

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

could be b/c of eyesight Gal 4:15
 Or he did not stand out among group

22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

Acts 13:2,47; Rom. 11:13; Gal. 2:7,8; Eph. 3:7,8

5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. Exo 22:28

Jewish

23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air, Berserk madness

d for what cause they so shouted.

Paul appeals to the Pharisees.

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. *b/c spoke Hebrew*

e when they had tied him up with thongs.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. *Said - Not true (LAW)*

David pretends
 1 Sam 21:13 mad
 Elijah - 1 King 19:9-18
 Jam 5:17 like passion
 Resurrection
 Tit 2:13 Blessed hope
 Rom 8:23-5 hope

Paul a Roman citizen.

f Acts 25.16.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

g citizenship.

h am a Roman born, i.e. of a father who had obtained citizenship.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

i Or, tortured him.

8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. *Materialist*

Do not believe in:
 - resurrection
 - angels
 - spirit ministrations
 1 Cor 15:12 some say no resurrection

26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

j Acts 24.16; 2 Cor. 1.12; 2 Tim. 1.3; Heb. 13.18;

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

k Cf. John 18. 23.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

l Ex. 22.28.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

m See Mt. 3.7. note.

n clamour.

o See Mt. 2.4. note.

p Acts 18.9; 27.23,24; Psa. 46.1,7.

q John 16.2,3.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born. - status
 29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

r See Mt. 2.4. note.

The Lord's grace to Paul.

How not to disagree

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

s Acts 18.9; 27.23,24; Psa. 46.1,7.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome. *Paul's walking papers - authorization to go.*

No account of any salvations - No gospel shared

Heb 10:23 for his faith
 Heb 13:5 never leave thee nor forsake thee

Promise to stand strong among opposition

The conspiracy to kill Paul.

GRACE
 2 Tim 2:13 If we believe not - faithless

CHAPTER 23.

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AND Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good

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Pretending like still a Jew - 21:23-26 Vow purifying
 Goal - be in Jerusalem - Pentecost 20:16
 20:22-3 Paul knows (not a problem)
 21:4 Disciples "through the spirit" not go
 21:11 Holy Ghost bid (not a problem) If Right
 22:1 my defence