

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

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 - e) Paul's Trial before Governor Festus (25:1-12)

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)*