



Almost Persuaded

Acts 26:1-32

INTRODUCTION

Agrippa in the Bible

- He was a fair man – He gave Paul the opportunity to defend himself.
- He was a respected man – Festus went to Agrippa for the final decision regarding Paul.
- He was an educated man – He knew the OT and what the prophets said.
- He was a blessed man – He was given the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ.

AGRIPPA’S OPPORTUNITY

- He heard Paul’s Testimony – vv. 11-18
- He heard Paul’s Preaching – vv. 19-23
- He heard of the miracles of Christ and the resurrection – v. 23
- He knew the OT prophets and believed them – v. 27

AGRIPPA’S RESPONSE – “ALMOST THOU PERSUADEST ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN”

Acts 26:28 (KJV)

²⁸ Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

- Agrippa held onto religion, but he missed out on Heaven.
- Agrippa refused to make an immediate decision.
- Agrippa believed the lie of the devil to wait on getting saved.

What may have kept Agrippa from getting saved?

What keeps people from getting saved today?

- The love of their religion
- The love of sin
- The care of this world
- The love of rank and power
- The pressure of others
- The decision to delay
- The devil stealing the seed
- The pride of life

AGRIPPA’S RESULT

- He accepted Paul but rejected Christ.
- Never do we read of Agrippa getting another opportunity to even hear the Gospel.

He may have been close on that day, but that may have been and probably was King Agrippa’s last chance to believe in Jesus Christ.

REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO BE SAVED TODAY

2 Corinthians 6:2 (KJV)

² (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)

- Religion is Satan's Substitute – vv. 5-6
- Opportunities to be saved are limited – Gen. 3:6; Acts 26:28
- Jesus died and rose again so your sins could be forgiven – vv. 8, 18, 23
- Your life can be changed – vv. 9-12
- Your life is a vapour – James 4:14
- God has a new purpose for your life – vv. 16-18