So You Must Testify

Acts 22:17-23:11

-Who he was before Christ called him to faith (22:7 an enemy of Christ)

-How Christ called him to faith in Himself (22:6-10 sovereignly)



-What Jesus has done since he came to faith in Himself (22:15 made him a witness)



-A life lived in all good conscience before God (23:1)



-In 1 Cor. 8:7-12 Paul writes that the conscience can be weak and even wounded.

-1 Timothy 4:2 he speaks of a seared conscience.



-In Titus 1:15 he speaks of a defiled conscience.



-Hebrews 10:12 refers to an evil conscience.

-John 16:2 (ESV) They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.





-John 18:23 (ESV) Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?"









-Who he was before Christ called him to faith

-He was an enemy of Christ 22:7 "...why are you persecuting Me?"

-[Rom 5:10 ESV] 10 For if while we were <u>enemies</u> we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.



-How Christ called him to faith in Himself



-Sovereignly 22:6-10

-[Rom 8:29-30 ESV] 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



-[Eph 1:4-5 ESV] 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,



-What Jesus has done since he came to faith in Himself (Acts 22:15 Made him a witness)



-[Eph 2:10 ESV] 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.





-[Phl 1:6 ESV] 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.





-A life lived in all good conscience before God (23:1 Holiness)

-[2Co 1:12 ESV] 12 For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.







-[Col 1:10 ESV] 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;



-[2Ti 2:21 ESV] 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.



-We, BEING enemies of God were saved, "born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:13)





-He has called us to be witnesses "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)



-In Him, we are to "be holy, for I (He) am holy." (1 Peter 1:16)

