

Paul's Apologetic

Acts 22:1-29

PART THREE

Introduction

A Manifestation of God's Sovereignty in the Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

I. Paul's Credentials – vv1-5

God sovereignly creates.

II. Paul's Conversion – vv6-11

God sovereignly elects

III. Paul's Contact – vv12-16

God sovereignly connects

IV. Paul's Commission – vv17-21

God sovereignly directs

V. Paul's Conflict – vv22-29

God sovereignly protects

IV. Paul's Commission – vv17-21

God sovereignly directs

v17

Paul "*was praying in the temple.*"

"I fell into a trance" stronger use of Gk *ekstasis*

v18

Sometimes, the very field of ministry that makes the most sense for us to harvest may be the very field Jesus tells us to abandon.

v19 v20

Romans 9:3-5

v21

It's okay to appeal to God, to reason with Him. But it's not okay to defy Him.

V. Paul's Conflict – vv22-29

God sovereignly protects

v22 v23

There is little uglier than frenzied hate.

v24 v25

“examined by flogging”

v26 - v29

The Principle of Non-Retaliation

Christians are not to retaliate when insults are hurled at them, but we are allowed legal recourse when laws are broken.

Old Covenant *Lex talionis*: “eye for an eye,” Exo. 21:23-25 vs New Covenant of Grace: Matt. 5:38-41

There are two important points not to miss here:

- 1) *Something to Praise*: God's sovereign appointments and His care over all.
- 2) *Something to Practice*: fervent seeking and yielded obedience to the will and the plan of God, love for all people, and a readiness to share Christ with anyone.