

Paul Addresses the Council

Acts 22:30-23:11

Introduction

22:30

"unbound him"

"the council" = the Sanhedrin.

"set him" to stand before.

23:1

"all good conscience up to this day"

The importance of maintaining a clear conscience.

1 Corinthians 4:4

Romans 9:1

1 Timothy 1:5

Sin is weakness and vulnerability.

Keeping a clear conscience serves as a 'breastplate of righteousness' (Eph. 6:14) that protects us.

This allowed Paul to stand calmly and fearlessly before any and all of those who opposed him unfairly.

2 Corinthians 1:12

Psalms 119:105-106

Josiah's commitment: 2 Kings 23:1-3

Sinful desire is first conceived in the mind. If allowed to germinate, it gives birth to sinful action.

James 1:14-15

The most effective means of avoiding sin is to fill the mind with God's Word.

Psalms 37:30-31

"I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8

Psalms 119:11

Isaiah 51:7

Keep vigilant watch over your heart and be diligent in prayer.

Matthew 26:41

v2

“strike”

v3 v4

“revile”

v5

Paul’s response when confronted: Humble conviction and confession for a wrong he committed.

Paul doesn’t use his ignorance, or the reasons for it, as an excuse for sinning.

v6

v7 v8

v9 v10

Once again, God sovereignly uses the Romans to preserve the life of a man called to fulfill His will.

At the point of our deepest discouragement and bewilderment, Jesus comes along side to reassure us:

v11

Acts 18:5-6; 9-10

The whole of Christ’s work on earth is to raise up witnesses for Himself.

Isaiah 43:20-21

Jeremiah 20:9

A witness cannot but speak about the One he claims to love and adore – the One who saved his soul!

Luke 24:31-32

Lessons Learned from the Apostle Paul

- 1) Keep a clear conscience (v1)
- 2) Humbly confess your sins (vv3-5)
- 3) Think strategically; act wisely (vv6-9)
- 4) Remember, God will protect you (v10)
- 5) God is with you to comfort and encourage you (v11)

2 Corinthians 7:6

Philippians 4:4-5