

# Paul's Defense Before Agrippa and Bernice

Acts 25:13 – 26:32

PART TWO: 26:1-11

## Introduction

Mark 6:20

Luke 23:7-8

**Insight into Paul's ability to stand alone before hostile accusers who want to see him executed:**

Acts 20:22-26

**Real biblical love engenders hate in those who are opposed to truths that confront, challenge, and interfere with their lifestyle.**

**A prayer from a faithful minister of gospel truth:**

Psalms 69:4-9

Psalms 89:50-52

Romans 15:3

## A Continuity of Affliction

Inheriting the reproaches of Christ will result in sharing His suffering and afflictions.

Colossians 1:24

## Paul Makes His Defense

In every defense made by Paul, he isn't defending himself. He's defending *the gospel of Jesus Christ*. He maintains his innocence on all charges in order to protect the veracity of the gospel.

**v1 v2 v3**

**v4 v5**

**v6 v7 v8** *Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?*

Paul to Felix: Acts 24:14-15

Luke 20:37-39

"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Matthew 14:1-3

**v9 v10 v11**

## **The Danger of List Making: Lists of *Condemnation* and Lists of *Commendation***

### **Paul's *Positive* List: vv4-5**

Philippians 3:3-11

### **Paul's *Negative* List: vv9-11**

1 Timothy 1:12-14

### **Legalistic Judgmentalism**

1 Corinthians 4:1, 3-5

The problem with self-made lists is, we don't know what God really *commends* and what He *condemns*.

### **Two Realms: The Domain of Darkness vs The Kingdom of God's Beloved Son: Colossians 1:13-14**

### **The Death of Legalistic List Making: Colossians 2:13-14**

Colossians 2:12-14

"canceling"

'to abrogate' or, eliminate entirely in the sense that it be used to judge a Christian's standing with God.

This does not mean that the moral law no longer has significance to the believer.

Ps 119:77

Ps 119:24

Psalms 1:1-2

**We are no longer under the law, but under grace, the law of love now prevailing in our lives.**

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14).

**The natural human tendency to *count, measure, and weigh*.**

Romans 8:28