

# Paul's Defense Before Agrippa and Bernice

Acts 25:13 – 26:32

PART FOUR

## **Introduction**

*"I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and a witness" v16.*

Isaiah 43:10

1 Corinthians 4:1

Isaiah 44:8

Deuteronomy 20:3-4

**The poignancy, particularity, and personal nature of the call of Jesus Christ.**

*'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'*

**No man lives unto himself.**

Hebrews 4:13

Romans 14:7-9

When illumination comes, the reality of all things past--present come into stark focus as in the light of day.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-8;

Ephesians 5:8

*'It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'*

**v18**

***'faith in me'***

We are not saved by faith in faith alone. We are saved by the *object* of our faith – the Savior *Jesus Christ*.

John 14:1; 6-7

**Faith in the Object, Jesus Christ, is *relational*.**

**Faith is trust. Trust in that which cannot be seen.**

John 20:29

Hebrews 11:1

2 Corinthians 4:18

*"for we walk by faith not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7*

**Faith is inseparably woven together with *love* since every act of trust is a demonstration of *love*.**

“faith [is] working through love.” Galatians 5:6

1 Peter 1:8

**Faith – Trust is an act of the will and the understanding.**

Faith is given to a person who has been ‘born from above’ by God (John 3).

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 12:3

**Faith is received from God, not generated by man.** (though responding well in trials strengthens faith)

We are saved, not by the merits of man, but solely by the merits of Christ.

**Faith does not save us. It is Christ who saves us *through* faith.**

**The Christian faith is more than *facts, formality, or feelings*.**

- 1) Some view Christianity as an intellectual pursuit that leads to an assent to a set of facts about Christ.
- 2) Some verify their Christianity by obeying and performing the formalities of the faith.
- 3) Some validate to their Christianity by how they feel.

**True Christian faith is *the life of God in the soul of man through our union with Jesus Christ*.**

Colossians 2:9-10, 13

“partakers of the divine nature” 2 Peter 1:4

“For in him we live, and move, and have our being.” Acts 17:28

Galatians 2:20

The desire to obey comes with joy from within where the Spirit of the living God dwells.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15