

Paul's Defense Before Agrippa and Bernice

Acts 25:13 – 26:32

PART FIVE: 26:19-23

Introduction

Paul Proclaims the Gospel to Agrippa: Acts 26:19-23

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"I was not disobedient"

John 5:30

John 6:38

Obedience to the will of God is a matter of *faith*. Both faith and obedience are acts of *love*.

Hebrews 11:8-9

Disobeying God's revealed will shows a lack of faith, which means that you don't trust Him, or love Him.

John 14:15

John 14:21

Once Jesus has answered the question, 'Who are you Lord?', we must ask, 'What shall I do?' (Acts 22:8,9).

Obedience is an act of the will.

A sincere change of mind always leads to a change in direction.

"repent and turn to God" from Gk *metanoeo* 'to think differently, reconsider'; *epistrepho*; 'to revert, turn.'

Ezekiel 18:31-32

"performing deeds in keeping with their repentance"

Matthew 3:7-8

Repentance is turning away from sin, and *faith* is turning toward God in Christ.

Mark 1:14-15

Acts 20:21

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"To this day I have had the help that comes from God"

Isaiah 50:6-9

Psalms 121:1, 7-8

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Keeping our eyes fixed on “the heavenly vision” – the risen, ascended, exalted Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:8-11

Titus 2:11-14

Philippians 3:20

Isaiah 25:9

Matthew 16:27

Revelation 1:7

Acts 7:55

Acts 7:59-60

As believers, we must be careful to see our own direct connection to the ascension of Christ.

Ephesians 4:6-10

Ephesians 2:4-6

Colossians 2:12

Colossians 3:1

Galatians 1:3-4