

Acts – Birth of the Church

What Are You Waiting For?

Acts 21:37 – Acts 22:29

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Introduction:

- Paul informs the churches of all that God was doing among the Gentiles.
 - This brought great rejoicing among the Christians.
 - Paul felt “Compelled by the Spirit” to go to Jerusalem.
 - **Acts 21:13**
 - The “Compelled” feeling was Paul’s desire for people to know Jesus like he did.
 - Would it not be great if Christians today felt that “Compelled Feeling” to share the Gospel, as well?
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1. Paul Defends Himself:

- a. The Roman Commander confused Paul with an Egyptian Terrorist.
- b. The historian, Josephus, confirms this terrorist in his, *Antiquities of the Jews*, book.
- c. **Acts 21:39-Acts 22:1**
- d. **Acts 21:27-31** – It was clearly established who Paul was.
- e. **Acts 22:2-5**
- f. In his defense, Paul points out several things:
 - i. A Jew born of Tarsus –
 - ii. Raised in Jerusalem –
 - iii. He was zealous for God –
 - iv. He persecuted “The Way” to death – **Acts 7:57-60**
 - v. He had letters to do this –

2. Paul’s Conversion:

- a. **Acts 22:6-11**
- b. What drives you when it comes to the Lord?
- c. **Mark 12:29-31**
 - i. Love the Lord with all your heart –
 - ii. Love the Lord with all your soul –
 - iii. Love the Lord with all your mind –
 - iv. Love the Lord with all your strength –

- d. **Acts 9:13-14**
- e. **Acts 22:15-16**
- f. **Acts 22:18**
- g. **Acts 22:21**
- h. **Acts 22:22**
- i. Salvation is not based on my version of God's Word or my version of His Terms of Pardon ... Salvation is based on His version of His Word and His Terms of Pardon. I either do it His way, or it is not correct.

3. A Roman Citizen:

- a. **Acts 22:23-29**
- b. Greek – **Mastix** (*Moss-Sticks*) ... English – **Flogging** ... *“To be beaten severely with a whip or a lash.”*
- c. **Acts 22:25**
- d. **Acts 22:27-28**
- e. **Acts 22:29**