

Acts – Birth of the Church

Trial Before Felix

Acts 24

October 6, 2024

Bob Hightchew

Introduction:

- Matthew 11:28-30
 - Matthew 5:14-16
 - Psalm 119:105
 - Isaiah 52:7
 - John 14:6
-

1. The Accusers:

- a. Acts 24:5-8
- b. Tertullus (*Tear-Two-lose*)
- c. Tertullus was brown-nosing Felix:
 - i. First –
 - ii. Second –
 - iii. Third –
- d. Three things happening in the Court Room:
 - i. One –
 - ii. Two –
 - iii. Three –
- e. **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**
- f. Three False Charges:
 - i. One –
 - ii. Two –
 1. Greek – Protostates (*Pro-Toe-Sta-Tees*) ... English – Ringleader ... “One who stands upfront ... The Leader.”
 - iii. Three – **Acts 24:19**
- g. **Hebrews 10:22-25**

2. Paul Speaks:

- a. **Acts 24:10-21**
- b. Paul's Defense:
 - i. First –
 - 1. Why does Paul give his timeline?
 - ii. Second –
 - iii. Third –
 - 1. Greek – **Hairesis** ... (*Hair-E-Seas*) ... English – **Sect** ... “*Content of false doctrines and teachings.*” ... Where we get the word “*Heresy*” – OR - False teachings.
- c. **Acts 1:7**
- d. **John 1:44-46**

3. Truth Should Bring Caution:

- a. **Acts 24:24-27**
- b. Paul speaks about four things:
 - i. Faith in Christ – **Jude 3**
 - ii. Righteousness –
 - 1. Greek – **Dikaioisynē** (*Dee-Kia-O-See-Nay*) ... English – **Righteousness** ... “*The act of doing what God requires.*”
 - iii. Self-Control –
 - 1. Greek – **Enkrateias** (*In-Krat-Tee-A*) ... English – **Self-Control** ... “*To exercise complete control over one's desires.*”
 - iv. The Judgement to Come –
 - 1. Greek – **Krīma** (*Cream-A*) ... English – **Judgement** ... “*To decide a question of legal right or wrong, and thus determine the innocence or guilt of the accused and assign appropriate punishment or retribution ... To arrive at a verdict*”
- c. **Acts 24:25**
- d. **Acts 2:36-38**