

# “You Whitewashed Wall!”

Acts 22:22-23:10, ESV

**INTRODUCTION:** Paul insisted, without waffling, that Christ called him to carry the gospel to the Gentiles. This insistence infuriated his detractors. Paul’s opponents (many devout Jews) viewed such teaching that Gentiles could be saved, without first becoming Jewish proselytes, as an intolerable blasphemy. In the sermon text, we find several intense responses to Paul’s message and ministry.

## 1). The Violent Response of the Crowd Toward Paul (v. 22-24).

**Takeaway:** Like it or not, God’s plan included extending His grace to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were hearing the Good News from Jewish Christians- Paul and Peter.

## 2). The Inquisitive Response of the Commander to Paul (v. 25-30).

**Takeaway:** There are many opportunities in our lives (even in the face of opposition) for us to share our faith.

## 3). The Divided Response of the Sanhedrin Toward Paul (23:1-10).

**Takeaway:** God will give us the insight to understand how we might respond when we are under fire for our faith in Jesus.