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*Foundations
for the
Falsely Accused*

Acts 24:10-21

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Sermon Notes

Acts 24:10–21 (ESV)

¹⁰ And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied: “Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. ¹¹ You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, ¹² and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. ¹³ Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. ¹⁴ But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, ¹⁵ having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. ¹⁶ So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. ¹⁷ Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. ¹⁸ While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— ¹⁹ they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me.

²⁰ Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, ²¹ other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.’ ”

(Answer key located on the last page)

Big Idea: *The same foundation that held Paul steady before Felix is the foundation that will hold you steady the next time you are falsely accused.*

I. FACE the Storm with Calm Confidence (vv. 10–13)

1. Paul waited for the governor's _____ before he spoke (v. 10).
2. Truth doesn't need volume. It needs _____.
3. This week, practice “the _____” — take one breath before responding to an accusation.

II. FREELY Confess Your Faith (vv. 14–15)

1. Paul confesses he follows “the _____” — not his accusers' label (v. 14).
2. Paul's accusers call his faith a “_____.”
3. Paul names his hope in the _____ of the dead (v. 15).
4. **Application:** Name one place you've stayed _____ about your faith. Speak it plainly this week.

III. FORM a Clear Conscience Through Consistent Living

(vv. 16–18)

1. Paul says, “So I _____ take pains to have a clear conscience toward God and man” (v. 16).
2. Your conscience and your _____ have to match, or the claim to integrity is empty.
3. **Application:** Do one act of integrity this week that nobody will see except _____.

IV. FIX Your Hope on the Risen Christ (vv. 19–21)

1. The real issue Paul points to: the _____ of the dead (v. 21).
2. 1 Corinthians 15:17: “If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is _____.”
3. **Application:** Each morning, say out loud: “Christ is _____, and because He lives, I have hope.”

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Where in your life right now are you facing a false accusation — or tempted to stay quiet about your faith?

Answer Key

I. FACE the Storm with Calm Confidence (vv. 10–13)

nod | facts | Pause

II. FREELY Confess Your Faith (vv. 14–15)

Way | sect | resurrection | quiet

III. FORM a Clear Conscience Through Consistent Living (vv. 16–18)

always | conduct | God

IV. FIX Your Hope on the Risen Christ (vv. 19–21)

resurrection | futile | risen

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **“God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!”

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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