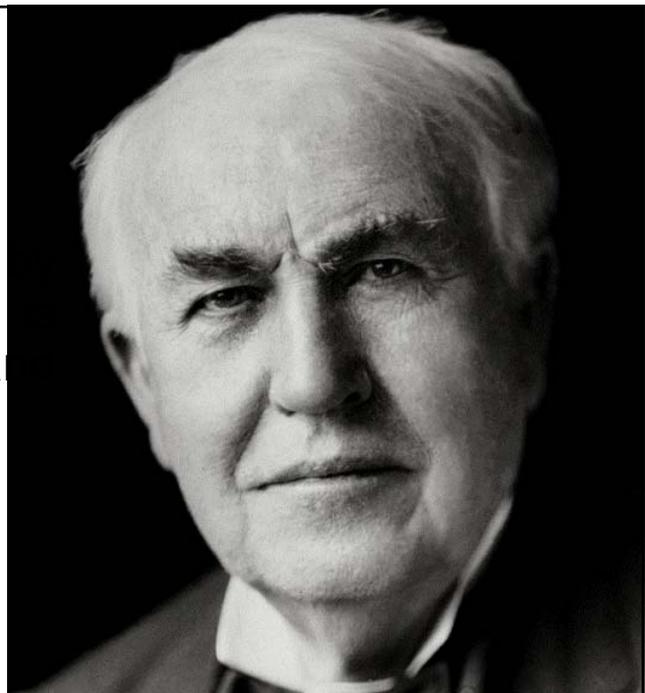




“Opportunity is missed most people because it dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

Thomas Edison



Would be disciples of Jesus: Lk 9:57-62

Rich young ruler: Mt 19:16-22

Philosophers on Mars Hill: Acts 17:32



Antonius Felix:

Governor of Judea 52-59 A.D. former slave

Tacitus, Roman historian:

“He exercised the power of a king with the mind of a slave.”



Acts 24:10 Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: “Inasmuch as I know that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself,

1. The confidence of the message

Acts 24:14-15 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. ¹⁵ I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead,^[c] both of the just and the unjust.

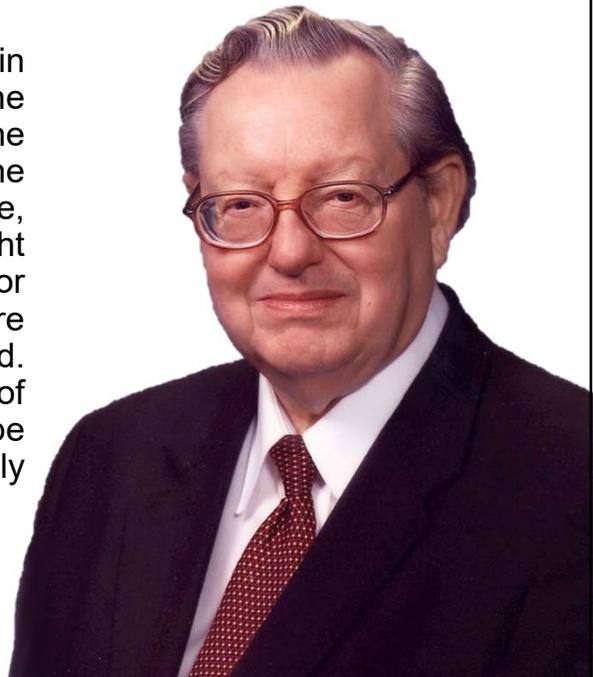
- Revelation
- Resurrection

2. The content of the message

24:24-25a And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. ²⁵ Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come,

- Nature of righteousness
- Need for temperance
- Nearness of judgment

“What were a few fleeting years of sin and self-indulgence compared with the eternity of woe that awaited the unrepentant? The great white throne lay ahead. There was no escape, except by way of Calvary. They might be able to flout and manipulate, scorn or evade the judgment of men, but there awaited them the judgment of God. There remained the Supreme Court of the universe and Jesus, who must be faced – if not as Savior, then certainly as Judge.” John Phillips



3. The conviction of the message

24:25b-27 Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." ²⁶ Meanwhile he also hoped that money would be given him by Paul, that he might release him. Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him. ²⁷ But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

Felix knew the truth: Acts 24:22 But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way,

Heb 3:7-8a Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

10:26-27 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

“Who knows what marvelous opportunity God has waiting for you if you are sensitive enough to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you right now. Don't say, ‘Show me what You want me to do; then I'll decide whether or not to do it.’ Instead, we need to say, ‘I'll do it - whatever it is. You tell me. If You explain it, fine. If You don't explain it, fine. But God, I'm going to do it.’ Are you ready to travel under sealed orders?”

Adrian Rogers

