

ACTS

THE TRIUMPHS OF CHRIST BY HIS SPIRIT THROUGH HIS CHURCH

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Message Title: Paul Shares His Story — Not Ashamed

Message Text: Acts 22:1-22

Introduction:

The grace of God enabled Paul to show deference toward His fellow Jewish believers who had a differing perspective as well as maintain composure in the face of persecution from the unbelieving Jews from Asia. His composure in the midst of chaos opened up a God-sized opportunity to share his story of salvation in Jesus Christ. We can all learn from Paul's example and allow the grace of God to be upon us so that we are ready at any time, good or bad, to share our story of how we met Jesus.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

DEFINITION—WITNESSES: someone who sees an event and reports what happened.

SEE *Acts 9:1-22, 22:1-22, 26:2-23; Galatians 1:13-24*

Acts 22:1–2 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. 2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

1. _____ Christ ⁽¹⁻⁵⁾

A. Paul's _____ as a Jew (3a)

Acts 22:3a I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city...

NOTE — Family lineage was incredibly important to the Jewish people.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

B. Paul's _____ by Gamaliel (3b)

Acts 22:3b ...yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers...

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GAMALIEL — a well-respected and lenient Pharisee, a leader in the Sanhedrin, and master teacher of the Law who was responsible for most of Paul's rabbinic education (Acts 5:34–39; 22:3)

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

C. Paul's _____ before God (3c-5)

Acts 22:3 ...and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

DEFINITION—ZEALOUS: *enthusiast; a fervent and even militant proponent of something*

Galatians 1:14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

Romans 10:2–3 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

See Also Ephesians 2:1-9

2. _____ Christ (6-16)

A. Paul _____ Christ (6-10a)

Acts 22:6–10a And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord?

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

WHO ART THOU LORD?

I AM JESUS OF NAZARETH, WHOM THOU PERSECUTEST.
By persecuting the church of Christ, Paul persecuted Christ Himself.

WHAT SHALL I DO LORD? *Paul acknowledged who Christ was as Lord*

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

B. Paul _____ with Christ (10-16)

Acts 22:10–16 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, 13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

NOTE — Paul immediately obeyed Christ's word. (11)

DEFINITION—BE BAPTIZED: immersed in water

DEFINITION—WASH AWAY: to be or become forgiven, conceived of as having one's sins washed away.

DEFINITION—CALL: to pray; call out; ask for help

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

See also Acts 2:41

Acts 8:36–37 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Matthew 28:19–20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

3. _____ Christ (17-22)

Acts 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

NOTE — Damascus was 134 miles Northwest of Jerusalem

A. Christ's Specific _____ — _____! (18-20)

Acts 22:18–20 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: 20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

NOTE — Simple _____ in a powerful thing in a life!

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

B. Christ's Specific _____ — _____ (21)

Acts 22:21–22 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. 22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

Paul's calling would primarily be to the Gentiles throughout the world.

NOTE — Paul was used of God to plant upwards of 20 churches with many more planted by those he mentored.

Conclusion

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Questions to Consider

Do I have a story like Paul's? Have all my sins been forgiven by receiving Jesus Christ by faith alone?

Do I share my story of my life before Christ, when I met Christ and sin believing on Christ?

Have I written my story down and readied myself to share it on a moment's notice?

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