

Acts 22

LW – Paul’s Journey back – Disciple, Philip/Evangel, Mnason

* Arrested– Informed/You; Taught/Forsake Moses/Circumcise/Supposed

TW – Pick up @ Cliffhanger – Paul’s defense to fellow Jews

V1-2

* Spoke Hebrew/Jews, Spoke Greek to Roman soldiers

V3

* Born – Tarsus/Cilicia

* Brought up – Jerusalem, Under (Great Rabi) Gamaliel (5:33-40)

V4-5

* Defense = Personal Testimony! 3 Parts...

* 1) Before (V4-5), 2) Conversion (V6-16), 3) After (V17-21)

* Sanhedrin, Gov/Felix, Festus, Full account to King Agrippa 26:12ff

A – Great way to share!!! (All or Part)

V6-9 (Part 2)

* V6 - Now Recounts events from Acts 9:1-19

* V7-8 – Persecuting the CHURCH – Jesus said persecuting ME!

Colossians 1:18¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church,

Colossians 1:24²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

* V9 – Apparent Conflict w/9:7

Acts 9:7⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

* Heard Voice – Gk “Phoney” = Sound/Tone

* Here didn’t hear the Voice (Phoney) that Spake (Lal-he-o/Articulate)

V10-16

* V12 - Ananais – Great Role Model!

* V14 - God’s Will – General Will– For Everyone

Gal 1:3-4³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, (More - 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:16-18)

* V15 – God’s Specific Will – Individual (See also V21 & 9:15-16)

V16 – This is what is called - Regeneration/Born Again

John 3:3³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Titus 3:4-6⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

V17-21

*V19 - Paul argues w/the Lord concerning his specific will for his life!

Romans 9:3³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites

* V20 – Paul was guilty of Murder – Yet, Had Sins Washed Away!!!

* V21 – Lord settles it!

Acts 9:15¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

V22-24

* V22 – Until heard “this word” = Gentile!

* What is going on??? Called Spiritual Pride!!!

* Cared more about being a Jew than God’s plan of salvation!!!

* David – **Psalms 18:46-49**

* **Palm 117**

* V24 Examined by Scourging – Whipped/Confess did wrong

Isaiah 53:5⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

* Jesus had No Sin to Confess!

V25-30

* Lord (Omniscient) uses Paul’s citizenship (here on earth) accomplish His will for his Life!

1 Corinthians 1:1¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,