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Did Paul Have a Manic Episode?

Acts 26:19-32

I. Paul Passionately Preached Repentance and Obedience (vv. 19-21)

- A. Are you _____ to your calling? (v. 19)
[Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20]
- B. Are you performing _____ in keeping with repentance?
(v. 20) [Acts 11:21; 14:15; 15:19; Jms. 2:18; Matt. 3:8; Matt. 7:16-20]
- C. Are you _____ for what that might lead to? (v. 21)
[Acts 21:27, 30-31; Jn. 15:20]

II. Paul Consistently Proclaimed the Same Message as Moses and the Prophets (vv. 22-23)

- A. God always provides _____ (v. 22a)
[Acts 21:32; 23:12; 25:2-5; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:11; Psa. 46:1-7]
- B. God's message never _____ (vv. 22b-23a)
[Deut. 18:15; Psa. 22:1, 16; Isa. 53:5; Psa. 16:10-11]
- C. God's love is for all _____ (v. 23b)
[Gen. 12:3; Isa. 49:6; Lk. 2:30-32]

III. Paul Unapologetically Pronounced True and Rational Words (vv. 24-26)

- A. The Gentile perspective was that Paul was _____ (vv. 24-25)
[Mk. 3:21; Jn. 8:48, 52; 10:20; 1 Cor. 1:18]
- B. The Jewish perspective was that Paul was _____ (vv. 26-27)
[Lk. 9:26]

IV. Paul Tried to Persuade Agrippa to be a Christian (vv. 27-32)

- A. Paul requests from Agrippa a _____ answer (vv. 27-28)
[Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16]
- B. Paul reveals his _____ desire (v. 29)
[Lk. 12:33; 1 Cor. 7:7; Acts 21:33]
- C. Paul receives a final _____ (vv. 30-32)
[Acts 16:35-40; 18:12-17; 23:11, 29; 25:25]

TAKE HOME

- Do you understand the importance of preaching a gospel that is all about grace, but that is also evidenced by _____ in keeping with repentance?
- Do you understand the importance of preaching Christ as the _____ of the Old Testament prophecies?
- Do you understand the importance of speaking the truth, asking direct questions, and trying to _____ others to become Christians?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 26:19. Are you obedient to your calling? What is it that God has called all of us to do? What is it that God has called you specifically to do? How is that going in your life? (Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20)

2. Read Acts 26:20-21. What is the difference between confessing your sin and repenting? What is the difference between doing “works of penance” and “doing good deeds”? Why is it so important to understand the difference? (Acts 11:21; 14:15; 15:19; Jms. 2:18; Matt. 3:8; Matt. 7:16-20)

3. Read Acts 26:22-23. How had God always provided help for Paul? (Acts 21:32; 23:12; 25:2-5; 2 Cor. 1:8-10; 2 Tim. 3:11; Psa. 46:1-7) Why is it important to realize that the NT teaching comes out of the OT? (Deut. 18:15; Psa. 22:1, 16; Isa. 53:5; Psa. 16:10-11)

4. Read Acts 26:24-25. Why did the Gentiles think that Paul was crazy? (Mk. 3:21; Jn. 8:48, 52; 10:20; 1 Cor. 1:18) Has anyone ever thought you were crazy to believe in the gospel? What were the circumstances surrounding that experience?

5. Read Acts 26:26-27. Why was the Jewish perspective that Paul was wrong? Which part specifically did they have the most problem accepting? Which part of your faith do people struggle accepting today? (Lk. 9:26)

6. Read Acts 26:29-32. Describe what is going on in these verses. Why did Agrippa return Paul’s question with a question of his own? What was the final outcome? (Lk. 12:33; 1 Cor. 7:7; Acts 21:33; Acts 16:35-40; 18:12-17; 23:11, 29; 25:25)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

[Paul] “...would die to save Agrippa, but he would not put his chains upon Agrippa. That is Christianity. Magnify it, multiply it, apply it. The sincerity that persecutes is not Christian. The sincerity that dies to deliver, but will not impose a chain, is Christianity.”