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Resurrection Truth Radically Transforms

Acts 26:1-18

I. Paul's Complimentary Remarks (vv. 1-3)

- A. The _____ of King Agrippa (v. 1)
[Acts 12:23; 1 Pet. 3:15; Acts 9:15; Lk. 12:11-12]
- B. The _____ of the Apostle Paul (vv. 2-3)
[Acts 25:7, 19; Acts 6:14]

II. Paul's Comprehensive Jewish Upbringing (vv. 4-8)

- A. Brought up as a _____ (vv. 4-5)
[Acts 22:3; Acts 8:1-3; Phil. 3:4-6]
- B. Bought in to the hope of a _____ (vv. 6-8)
[Acts 24:14-15; Ex. 3:6; Matt. 22:32; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Matt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30; Rev. 21:12]

III. Paul's Crushing Conviction Against Christians (vv. 9-11)

- A. Convinced in his own mind to _____ the name of Jesus (v. 9)
[1 Tim. 1:13]
- B. Compelled to _____ against Christians with all his might (vv. 10-11)
[Acts 9:1-2; Gal. 1:13-14]

IV. Paul's Conversion Testimony (vv. 12-15)

- A. The _____ to Damascus (vv. 12-13)
[Matt. 17:2; Mk. 9:2-3; Lk. 9:29]
- B. The _____ interruption from Jesus (vv. 14-15)
[Eph. 1:22-23]

V. Paul's Commissioning Assignment (vv. 16-18)

- A. _____ up on your feet (v. 16a) [Ezek. 2:1; Dan. 10:11]
- B. _____ yourself for service (vv. 16b-17) [Acts 22:14-15]
- C. _____ the gospel message (v. 18)
1. It _____ darkness with light
(2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:13; Jn. 8:12)
 2. It _____ you from the power of Satan to God
(Eph. 2:1-5)
 3. It _____ sins
(Acts 5:31)
 4. It _____ a lost inheritance
(Acts 20:32)

TAKE HOME

- Are you radically _____ today than before you came to Christ? In what ways are you different?
- Has God _____ your life, knocked you off your feet, and shown you the light of Christ? If so, How did you respond?
- What _____ field has God appointed you to?
How are you faithfully reverberating the gospel message?

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 placertachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 26:1-3. What do you remember about the character and family background of King Agrippa? Why was Paul courteous in this particular situation? What can we learn from this? (Acts 25:7, 19; Acts 6:14)

2. Read Acts 26:4-5. What do we learn here about Paul’s upbringing? (Acts 22:3; Acts 8:1-3; Phil. 3:4-6) Why is this information pertinent for Paul to share?

3. Read Acts 26:6-8. How has Paul totally bought in to the hope of the resurrection? Is this more based on his experience or on what the Scriptures taught? (Acts 24:14-15; Ex. 3:6; Matt. 22:32; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Matt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30; Rev. 21:12)

4. Read Acts 26:9-11. Why did Paul work so hard to persecute believers? (1 Tim. 1:13) How did Paul carry this out? (Acts 9:1-2; Gal. 1:13-14)

5. Read Acts 26:12-15. What new information do we learn in this recount of Paul’s testimony? (Matt. 17:2; Mk. 9:2-3; Lk. 9:29) Have you ever had a jarring interruption from Jesus? What did you do? (Eph. 1:22-23)

6. Read Acts 26:16-17. What did Jesus tell Paul to do at this point? How does this emulate these two passages from the OT? (Ezek. 2:1; Dan. 10:11) What was the next step for Paul? (Acts 22:14-15)

7. Read Acts 26:18. What are four effects that the gospel message has on the one who receives this message by faith? Have you seen these effects in your own life? To what degree? (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:13; Jn. 8:12; Eph. 2:1-5; Acts 5:31; 20:32)

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

“The word minister in Acts 26:16 means ‘an under-rower’ and refers to a lowly servant on a galley ship. Paul had been accustomed to being an honored leader, but after his conversion he became a subordinate worker: and Jesus Christ became his Master.”

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*”