



Paul's Personal Testimony

Acts 22:1-22

I. The Religious Zeal of Paul's Former Life (vv. 1-5)

- A. The initial address of his _____ (vv. 1-2)
 [Acts 7:2, 8:1; 13:17; 1 Pet. 3:15]
- B. The _____ on his upbringing and training (v. 3)
 [Phil. 3:4-7; Rom. 10:2]
- C. The _____ Paul put forth persecuting the Way (vv. 4-5)
 [Acts 8:3; Gal. 1:13-14; Acts 9:1-2]

II. The Life-changing Encounter with Jesus (vv. 6-13)

- A. The _____ of ongoing sin (vv. 6-7)
 [Jn. 15:16; Matt. 17:2; Jn. 8:12; Acts 9; 26:4-18]
- B. The _____ of the risen Christ (vv. 8-9)
 [Acts 26:14; Acts 9:7; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Col. 1:13]
- C. The _____ of how to proceed (vv. 10-13)
 [Acts 9:11-12, 13-14; Psalm 119:105]

III. The Strategic Commissioning of Paul's Mission (vv. 14-16)

- A. The "God of our _____" called Paul (v. 14a) [Ex. 3:15]
- B. God appointed Paul to see "the _____ One" (v. 14b)
 [Isa. 53:5, 11; Acts 3:14; 7:52; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9]
- C. God called Paul to be His " _____ " to "everyone" (v. 15)
 [Acts 26:17; Gal. 1:16; 1 Cor. 9:16; Acts 4:20]
- D. Paul was instructed to "be _____" (v. 16)
 [Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; 8:12, 38; 10:47-48; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5]

IV. The Authoritative Vision From Jesus (vv. 17-22)

- A. A _____ for Paul to leave Jerusalem (vv. 17-18)
 [Acts 10:10; 11:5; 9:28-30; Isa 6:1-13]
- B. A _____ to follow Jesus' instructions (vv. 19-20)
 [Matt. 16:22-23]
- C. A new _____ on the Gentiles (v. 21)
 [Acts 9:15-16; 22:22]

TAKE HOME

- We can learn from Paul's _____
- We can learn from Paul's _____
- We can learn from Paul's _____

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 22:1-5. How did Paul address his audience? Why did he address them in this way? What does this remind us of? How else did Paul seek to connect with his audience? What can we learn from this? (Acts 7:2, 8:1; 13:17; 1 Pet. 3:15; Phil. 3:4-7; Rom. 10:2)

2. Read Acts 22:6-7. Why did Jesus confront Paul? What was Paul doing at the time? How does the connection between the church and Jesus cause you to treat people differently? (Jn. 15:16; Matt. 17:2; Jn. 8:12; Acts 9; 26:4-18)

3. Read Acts 22:8-9. How did Jesus reveal Himself to Paul? How has Jesus revealed Himself to you? When did you meet Jesus for the first time? What happened? (Acts 26:14; Acts 9:7; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Col. 1:13)

4. Read Acts 22:10-13. What instructions were given to Paul about how he was to precede at this time? Who came to heal Paul? Why is Paul telling this part of his story? How does this help him connect with his audience? (Acts 9:11-12, 13-14; Psalm 119:105)

5. Read Acts 22:14-16. What can we learn from these four sub-points? Which one provides some type of new insight for you to think about? How does the continuity between the Old and New Testaments help Paul prove his point? (Ex. 3:15; Isa. 53:5, 11; Acts 3:14; 7:52; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9)

6. Read Acts 22:17-22. What did you think was most interesting about these verses? Why did Paul initially push back on Jesus’ instructions? What made him change? What can we learn from this? vv. 17-18) (Acts 10:10; 11:5; 9:28-30; Isa. 6:1-13; Acts 9:15-16)

7. Read the take home application points. 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?

“This response is important to the argument of the Book of Acts. It indicates the Jews in Jerusalem had irrevocably refused the gospel of Jesus Christ and had sealed their fate. Less than 20 years later in A.D. 70, the city of Jerusalem became rubble and ruin. This, of course, does not mean Israel will not be restored in the future.”