

Paul Preaches To A Governor

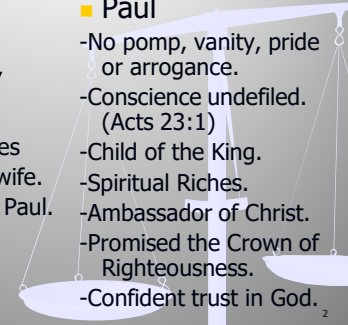
Acts 24:24-26



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Confrontation Of Two Kinds Of Greatness

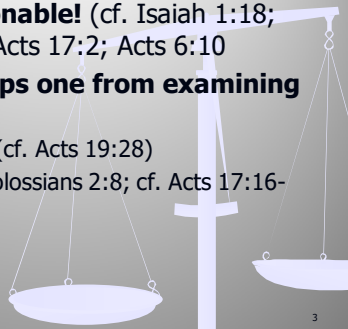
- Felix
 - Pomp, splendor, authority, crown, robe, wealth & arrogance.
 - Atrocities / Cruelties
 - Drusilla, his third wife.
 - Judge and Jury of Paul.
- Paul
 - No pomp, vanity, pride or arrogance.
 - Conscience undefiled. (Acts 23:1)
 - Child of the King.
 - Spiritual Riches.
 - Ambassador of Christ.
 - Promised the Crown of Righteousness.
 - Confident trust in God.



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Paul Appealed To Reason

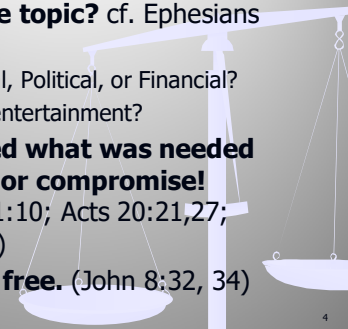
- **Truth is reasonable!** (cf. Isaiah 1:18; Romans 12:2) Acts 17:2; Acts 6:10
- **Prejudice keeps one from examining evidence.**
 - Emotionalism. (cf. Acts 19:28)
 - Philosophy. (Colossians 2:8; cf. Acts 17:16-21)



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Paul Reasoned From The Scriptures (cf. Acts 17:2-3)

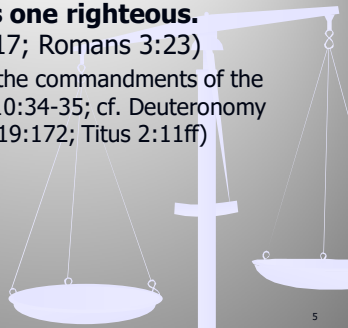
- **What was the topic?** cf. Ephesians 6:18ff
 - Social, Cultural, Political, or Financial?
 - Small talk or entertainment?
- **Paul preached what was needed without fear or compromise!** (cf. Galatians 1:10; Acts 20:21,27; Galatians 4:16)
- **Truth makes free.** (John 8:32, 34)



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Paul Reasoned Of Righteousness

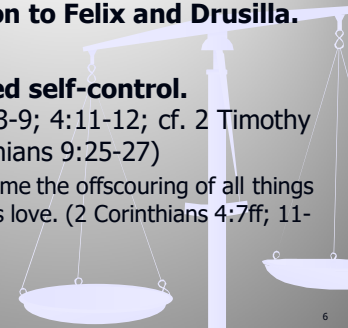
- **Gospel makes one righteous.** (Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:23)
 - Paul preached the commandments of the gospel. (Acts. 10:34-35; cf. Deuteronomy 6:25; Psalms 119:172; Titus 2:11ff)



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Paul Reasoned Of Self-Control

- **Needed lesson to Felix and Drusilla.**
- **Paul exercised self-control.** (Philippians 3:3-9; 4:11-12; cf. 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27)
 - Paul had become the offscouring of all things to tell of God's love. (2 Corinthians 4:7ff; 11-13; 11:23ff)



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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

The Day of Judgment Is Certain

- The testimony of Solomon. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- The testimony of Jesus. Matthew 11:20-24; 12:36-37; 25:31-46
- The testimony of Paul. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Acts 17:30-31
- The testimony of Peter. 1 Peter 1:17; 4:17-18; 2 Peter 3:10
- The testimony of John. 1 John 4:17; Revelation 20:12-14

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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

- The judge will be God. Romans 2:16
- We know He will be no respecter of persons. Romans 2:11

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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

- Our deeds ... *"the things done in the body."* 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Our words ... Matthew 12:36-37
- Even our secret things will be judged. Romans 2:16

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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

■ **RIGHTEOUSNESS ...**

Romans 2:7, "to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life"

■ **WICKEDNESS ...**

Romans 2:8, "... unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek"

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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

- There will be no possibility of appealing to a higher court.
- There will be no termination of the sentence; it will be for all eternity.

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Paul Reasoned Of The Judgment To Come

- Felix the Judge would stand before the highest tribunal known.
 - God will not be influenced by bribes.
 - Every detail will be known.

■ **Felix trembled!!!**

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Two Paths From Which To Choose

- **If Felix obeyed the gospel ...**
 - Lose the source of bribes and extortions.
 - Lose his office, pomp and ceremony.
 - Lay aside his robe, crown, prestige and power.
 - Lose his friends, become ridiculed.
 - Give up his wife and adulterous union. (cf. Ezra 10).
- **Felix had to consider the cost of discipleship.** (Luke 14:25-33)

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Two Paths From Which To Choose

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Obedience ■ Salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Disobedience ■ Continue as governor. ■ Judge of others. ■ Lavish robes. ■ Dominion over subjects. ■ BUT, He still must die and face the judgment of God! |
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Choice Of Felix

- *Acts 24:25 "Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me."*
- **Felix died as he had lived ...**
 - He lived and died IN SIN!

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Your Choice

- **If YOU would gain the favor of God, He must be first in your life!**
- *Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

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