

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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**SESSION 55:
CAPTIVITY AND DEATH**

**What the study is about tonight:
8.1.2.3.2 Paul defends himself**



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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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- **Unit II: Paul the Missionary**
- **Chapter 8: Captivity and Death**
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- **Session Fifty-five:**

- Taken from chapter eight of the book
- Emphasis on the arrest in Jerusalem

- **Learning Goals:**

- 1. Learning about doing missions from the scripture text
- 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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8.1.0 Paul's Final Period of Ministry

8.1.1 Arrest in Jerusalem (AD 57),
Acts 21:17-23:22

8.1.2. Imprisonment in Caesarea (57-60)
Acts 23:23-26:32

8.1.2.1 Protecting Paul in Jerusalem
Acts 23:23-30

8.1.2.2 Delivering Paul to Caesarea
Acts 23:31-35

8.1.2.3 Paul appearing before Felix
Acts 24:1-23

8.1.2.4 Paul languishes in prison
Acts 24:24-27

8.1.2.5 New opportunity before Festus
Acts 25:1-26:32



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8.1.2.3.1 Jewish charges against Paul
Acts 24:1-9

8.1.2.3.2 Paul defends himself
Acts 24:10-21

8.1.2.3.3 Felix's response to Paul
Acts 24:22-23



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Ἀπεκρίθη τε ὁ Παῦλος νεύσαντος αὐτῷ τοῦ ἡγεμόνος λέγειν· ἐκ πολλῶν ἐτῶν ὄντα σε κριτὴν τῷ ἔθνει τούτῳ ἐπιστάμενος εὐθύμως τὰ περὶ ἑμαυτοῦ ἀπολογοῦμαι,

When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied:

“I cheerfully make my defense, knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation.



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Tertullus

- I. Vv. 2b–4*. Proem, captatio benevolentiae
- II. Vv. 5–6*. narratio (encompassing thesis)
 - A. V. 5*. Character of accused (ethos)
 - B. V. 6*. Alleged behavior of accused (narrative proper)
- III. V. 8*. Peroratio: Examine the accused.

Paul

- I. V. 10b*. Proem, captatio benevolentiae
- II. Vv. 11–13*. narratio (encompassing thesis)
- III. Vv. 14–16*. "Confession," Digression on "the Movement" (ethos)
- IV. Vv. 17–18*. narratio resumed. Actual behavior
- V. Vv. 19–21*. Demand for relevant witnesses and testimony
 - A. Vv. 19–20*. Demand for relevant witnesses
 - B. V. 21*. (= Peroratio). Actual statement and "real" charge

Paul's defense speech reflects some similarities with that of Tertullus in structural organization:

Source: Richard I. Pervo, *Acts: a Commentary on the Book of Acts*, ed. Harold W. Attridge, *Hermeneia — a Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2009), 594.



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11 δυναμένου σου ἐπιγνῶναι ὅτι οὐ πλείους εἰσὶν μοι ἡμέραι δώδεκα ἀφ' ἧς ἀνέβην προσκυνήσων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ. 12 καὶ οὔτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ εὗρόν με πρὸς τινα διαλεγόμενον ἢ ἐπίστασιν ποιοῦντα ὄχλου οὔτε ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς οὔτε κατὰ τὴν πόλιν, 13 οὐδὲ παραστήσαι δύνανταί σοι περὶ ὧν νυνὶ κατηγοροῦσίν μου.

11 As you can find out, it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem. 12 They did not find me disputing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd either in the synagogues or throughout the city. 13 Neither can they prove to you the charge that they now bring against me.



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14 ὁμολογῶ δὲ τοῦτό σοι ὅτι κατὰ τὴν ὁδὸν ἣν λέγουσιν αἵρεσιν, οὕτως λατρεύω τῷ πατρῷ θεῷ πιστεύων πᾶσιν τοῖς κατὰ τὸν νόμον καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς προφήταις γεγραμμένοις, 15 ἐλπίδα ἔχων εἰς τὸν θεὸν ἣν καὶ αὐτοὶ οὗτοι προσδέχονται, ἀνάστασιν μέλλειν ἔσσεσθαι δικαίων τε καὶ ἀδίκων. 16 ἐν τούτῳ καὶ αὐτὸς ἀσκῶ ἀπρόσκοπον συνείδησιν ἔχειν πρὸς τὸν θεὸν καὶ τοὺς ἀνθρώπους διὰ παντός.

14 But this I admit to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our ancestors, believing everything laid down according to the law or written in the prophets. 15 I have a hope in God—a hope that they themselves also accept—that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. 16 Therefore I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people.



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17 δι' ἐτῶν δὲ πλειόνων ἐλεημοσύνας ποιήσων εἰς τὸ ἔθνος μου παρεγενόμην καὶ προσφοράς, 18 ἐν αἷς εὐρόν με ἡgniσμένον ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ οὐ μετὰ ὄχλου οὐδὲ μετὰ θορύβου, 19 τινὲς δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς Ἀσίας Ἰουδαῖοι, οὓς ἔδει ἐπὶ σοῦ παρεῖναι καὶ κατηγορεῖν εἴ τι ἔχοιεν πρὸς ἐμέ.

17 Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation and to offer sacrifices. 18 While I was doing this, they found me in the temple, completing the rite of purification, without any crowd or disturbance. 19 But there were some Jews from Asia—they ought to be here before you to make an accusation, if they have anything against me.



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20 ἢ αὐτοὶ οὗτοι εἰπάτωσαν τί εὔρον ἀδίκημα
στάντος μου ἐπὶ τοῦ συνεδρίου, 21 ἢ περὶ μιᾶς
ταύτης φωνῆς ἧς ἐκέκραξα ἐν αὐτοῖς ἕστώς ὅτι περὶ
ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν ἐγὼ κρίνομαι σήμερον ἐφ'
ὑμῶν.

20 Or let these men here tell what crime they had
found when I stood before the council, 21 unless it
was this one sentence that I called out while
standing before them, 'It is about the resurrection of
the dead that I am on trial before you today.' "



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- **What can we learn from Paul's defense against the charges made by the Jews?**

- ✓ 1. Paul followed proper protocol but sincerely
- ✓ 2. The Gospel provokes hostile reaction on occasion
- ✓ 3. Paul was truer to his Jewish heritage than his enemies
- ✓ 4. Paul showed proper respect for the Jerusalem temple
- ✓ 5. Objective examination will bring the truth to the surface
- ✓ 6. Expect the enemies of the Gospel to lie and distort.



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- **NEXT Session:**
- **8.1.2 Imprisonment in Caesarea**
- **8.1.2.3.3 Felix's response**
- **8.1.2.3.4 Paul languishes in prison**



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Thank You for Coming!
Gracias por venir esta noche!
Until Next Week!
Hasta la próxima semana!
Have a safe trip home!
Tener un viaje seguro a casa!



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