

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

Giving a Costly Account

Acts 21:27-22:29

November 10, 2019

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Acts 22:17 “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance [18] and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’ [19] And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you. [20] And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’ [21] And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’” [22] Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.” [23] And as they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air, [24] the tribune ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying that he should be examined by flogging, to find out why they were shouting against him like this. [25] But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?” [26] When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.” [27] So the tribune came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?” And he said, “Yes.” [28] The tribune answered, “I bought this citizenship for a large sum.” Paul said, “But I am a citizen by birth.” [29] So those who were about to examine him withdrew from him immediately, and the tribune also was afraid, for he realized that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had bound him.</p>	<p>Paul’s defense of His faith before the Jews and Romans in Jerusalem provides a helpful example for preaching the gospel in a hostile environment.</p> <p>I. The Reality of False Accusations and Injustice toward Christianity.</p> <p>II. The importance of having a ready testimony about Jesus Christ that is personal.</p> <p>III. Being ready to suffer, wisely, so the gospel may be proclaimed.</p> <p>Memory verse for 2019-</p> <p>Acts 10:42-43</p> <p>[42] And he (Christ) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.</p> <p>[43] To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.</p>

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Why do Christians face persecution?
2. What are some ways Christians face persecution today?
3. What are some features of Paul's "defense" that might help us formulate our communication with unbelievers?
4. Are we willing to suffer for Christ?
5. How did Paul show wisdom or cunning about his situation with a potential flogging from the Romans and how might this inform our dealing with opposition today?
6. What should Christians do if it becomes illegal to follow God's Word or preaching the gospel?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: