

Acts 22: Answering All Questions with the Vision

- I. Stating the Blessed Experience — a Real Experience Is the Greatest Strength and Courage (vv. 1–21)**
- A. Born in traditional Jewish background
 - 1. A Jew born in Tarsus
 - 2. Brought up in Jerusalem, educated under Gamaliel strictly according to the law of the fathers
 - B. Persecuted “this Way” to the death
 - C. Seeing the vision led to a change — fell under a very bright light
 - 1. Suddenly — the Lord came to seek us
 - a) on his way: running toward his personal goal
 - b) noontime: going toward a bright future
 - 2. A very bright light flashed from heaven all around him — seeing the light
 - 3. Heard the Lord’s voice
 - 4. Decided his lifetime pursuit and attitude — “Who are You, Lord?” “What shall I do, Lord?”
 - 5. The Lord’s glorious light covered everything — could not see anything else
 - D. Ananias passed on the charge — a man who was devout and well spoken of by all
 - 1. Ananias had good reputation and lived out a beautiful testimony
 - 2. Accepted Paul into the church — “brother”
 - 3. Pointed out that Paul was appointed by God to know His will and see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth
 - 4. Showed obedience by actions — “be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name”
 - E. The command of the Lord — in a life of prayer
 - 1. “Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly”
 - 2. Paul’s reasoning
 - 3. The Lord sent him far away to the Gentiles — the Lord’s heart departed from the Jews
- II. The Reason for Becoming the Object the Enemy Determined to Kill (vv. 22–24)**
- III. The Protection and Glory of a Roman Citizen — Luke Implied the Greater Glory of Being a Child of God (vv. 25–30)**
- A. The commander was afraid of Paul’s status (citizenship)
 - B. The status that comes with birth is even more glorious
 - C. The prosecution of Paul — the protection because of his status (citizenship)