

**Acts 26: Retelling the Vision**

**I. Defense Before King Agrippa (vv. 1–23)**

- A. Paul motioned with his hand before giving his defense — proper, courteous and composed manner (v. 3)
- B. Childhood education and the background of his upbringing
- C. Lived in the hope of Israel — the promise of resurrection
- D. Opposed the name of Jesus and put Christians to death
- E. Turning point — seeing the vision
  - 1. Seeing the great light of God, brighter than the sun
  - 2. The Lord spoke: “It is hard for you to kick against the goads”
  - 3. Received a mission and entrustment — the Lord deliberately appeared and appointed
    - a) “as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you”
    - b) the promise of salvation — the Lord is responsible for His own calling
      - i) to open their eyes
      - ii) to stand firm in the faith of resurrection

**II. If Out of Our Mind, It Is for God’s Sake — Honor and Excellence Did Not Come from Learning (vv. 24–29)**

- A. People thought Paul was out of his mind
- B. What Paul saying was true and reasonable
- C. A strong, overcoming spirit
  - 1. Walked in the light
  - 2. The king’s heart was moved
  - 3. Honor and glory upon him — surpassing any earthly honor and glory

**III. The Result of Passing the Judgment — a Qualified Sacrifice (vv. 30–32)**

- A. “This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment” (v. 31)
- B. Purified and refined