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CONTEXT ACTS 26

Following Paul's arrest in Jerusalem, he had the opportunity to defend himself before... A Jewish mob (22:1-21) The Sanhedrin (23:1-10) The Roman gov. Felix & Drusilla (24:1-27) The Roman gov. Festus -(25:1-12)

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CONTEXT ACTS 26

After being incarcerated in Caesarea for 2 years... Jewish leaders wanted Paul brought back to Jerusalem (Ac 25:1-3) There was a plot to kill Paul (Ac 25:3) Paul, aware of the plot, appeals to Caesar (Ac 25:9-11)

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CONTEXT ACTS 26

Festus was willing to grant Paul's appeal. **Uncertain of charges to** specify against Paul, **Festus solicited King** Agrippa's help (Ac 25:12-27). **Once again, Paul is** permitted to defend himself (Ac 26:1-32).

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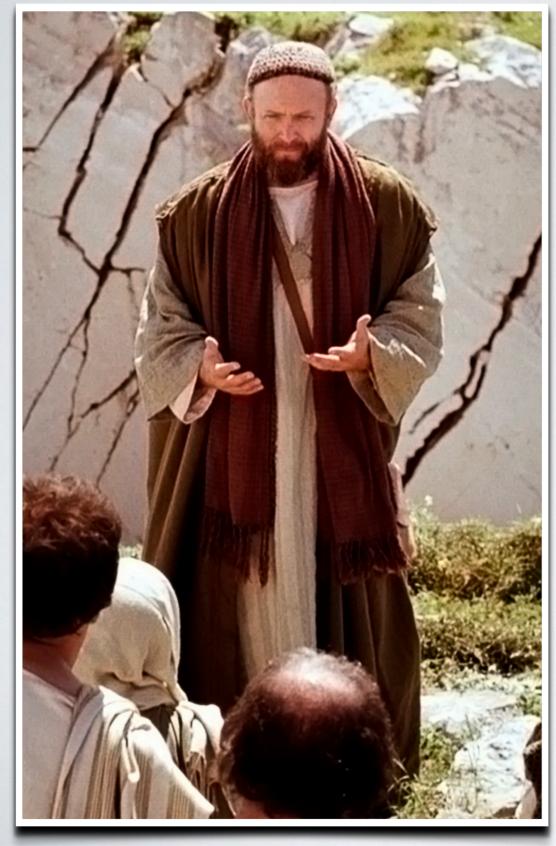
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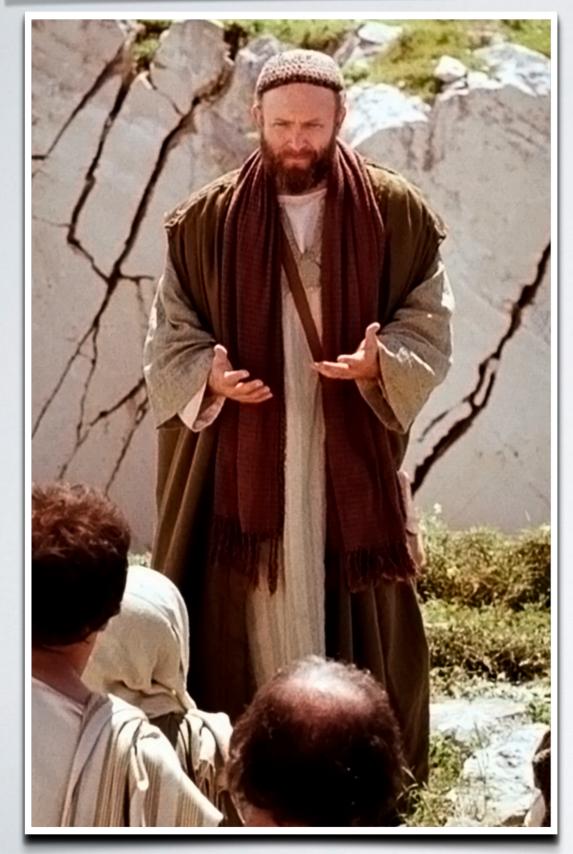
ACTS 26

Paul's gratitude (2,3) Paul's background (4-11) **Paul's conversion &** commission (12-18) **Paul's Post-Conversion** Ministry (19-23) The response of Festus and Agrippa (24-32)





Acts 26:17–18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'



The GOSPEL is God's power to save men! Romans 1:16,17; 10:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; 2:1-16 2 Thessalonians 2:13,14 2 Timothy 4:1-4 God's power does not lie in, nor depend upon, the

in, nor depend upon, the abilities, methods, or schemes of the messenger, but in the message itself. (1 Cor. 2:1-2; 2 Tim. 4:3,4)

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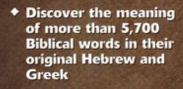
Spiritual sight is found ONLY in the truth God has revealed (Jn 17:17)

- Isaiah 35:5; 42:7,16
- Luke 1:79
- John 6:44,45; 8:12
- Romans 12:1,2
- 2 Corinthians 4:4; 10:4-5
- Ephesians 1:18; cf. Acts 16:14
- I John 1:5-9

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epistrepho (ἐπιστρέφω, 1994), "to turn about, turn towards" (*epi*, "towards" and No. 1), is used transitively, and so rendered "convert" (of causing a person to turn) in Jas. 5:19–20. Elsewhere,

where the kjv translates this verb, either in the middle voice and intransitive use,

or the passive, the rv adheres to the middle voice significance, and translates by "turn again," Matt. 13:15; Mark 4:12; Luke 22:32; Acts 3:19; 28:27.

Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words. Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.

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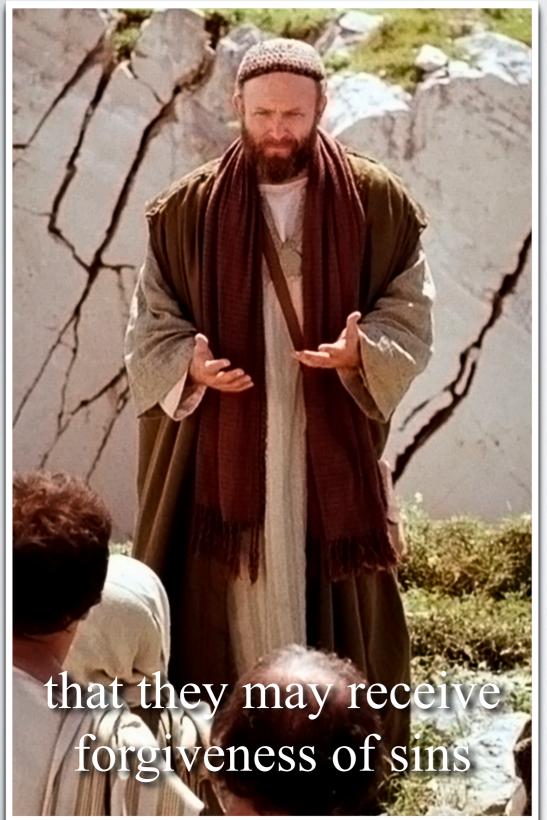
- The GOSPEL calls men to repent - to turn from self & sin & submit to the Lord's authority & way (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:21; 17:30)
- Repentance results in one being converted, (Acts 3:19),
 - from darkness, (ignorance; error), to light (truth) (Ep. 4:18; 5:8; John 8:31,32)
 - from Satan's domain, to God's domain (Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9; Mat. 28:18,19; Rom. 6:14,18,22)

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- Error to truth
- Sight to Faith
- Sin to obedience
- Unrighteousness to Righteousness
- Ungodliness to Godliness
- Unholiness to Holiness
- Loving the World to Loving God
- My way to God's Way
- Selfishness to Sacrificial living
- Fear to Hope
- Death to Life





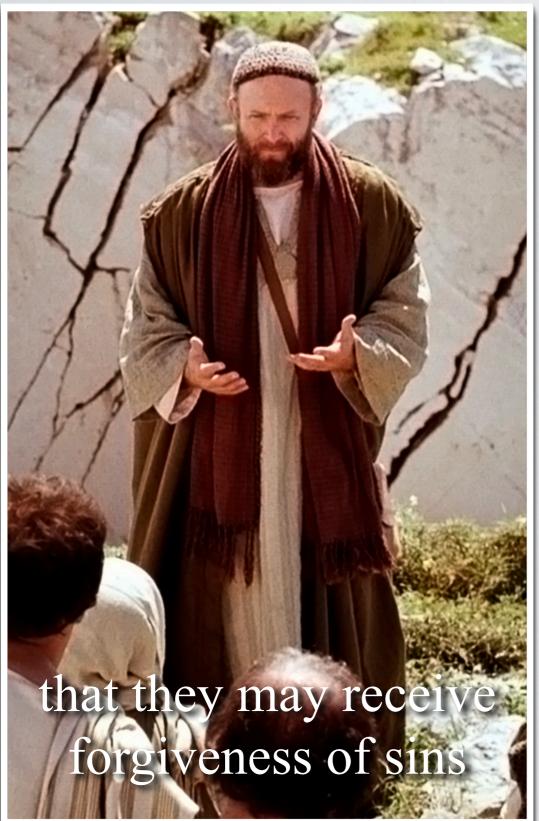
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Ephesians 1:7–9 (NKJV) ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,



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Colossians 1:13–14 (NKJV) ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.



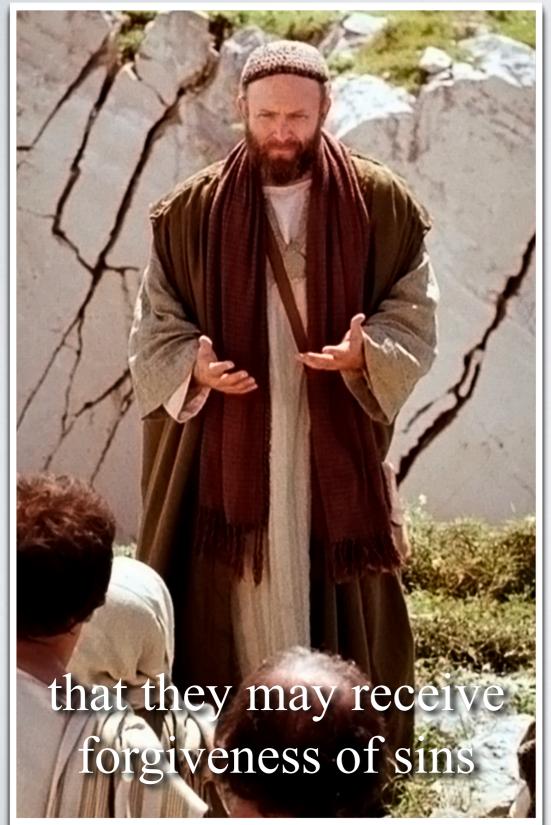


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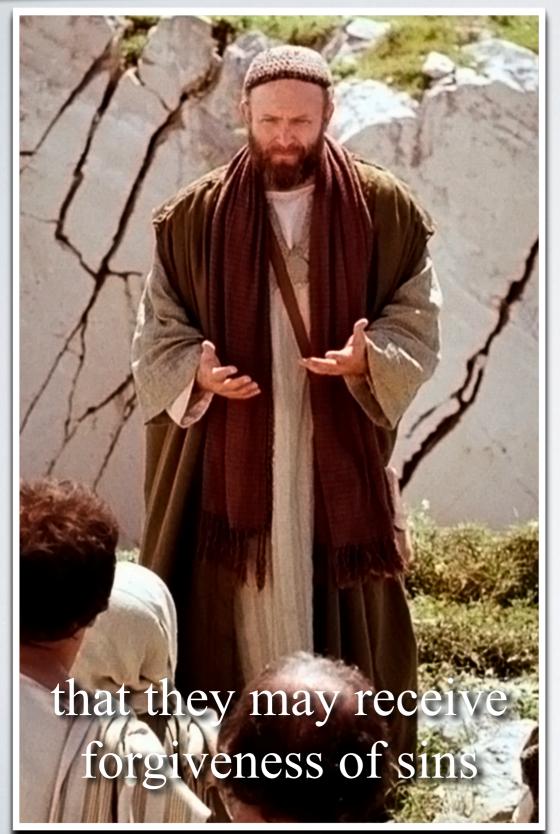
Acts 2:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.





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Acts 22:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶ And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'



REDEEMS / CLEANSES

Colossians 2:12–13 (NKJV) ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

... and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me

SANCTIFIES

John 17:17–19 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

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SANCTIFIES

1 Corinthians 1:2–3 (NKJV) ² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

SANCTIFIES

2 Thessalonians 2:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

... and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me

GLORIFIES

Acts 20:32 (NKJV) ³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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Ephesians 1:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

... and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me

GLORIFIES

Ephesians 1:18–21 (NKJV) ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

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Colossians 1:12–14 (NKJV) ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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Hebrews 9:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

... and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

GLORIFIES

1 Peter 1:3–5 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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ACTS 26

Paul's Post-Conversion Ministry (19-23)

Paul was obedient to the Lord's calling & preached the gospel to both Jews & Gentiles commanding they repent and do those things repentance would demand (19,20)

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ACTS 26

Paul's Post-Conversion Ministry (19-20)

Paul states the reason he was arrested was because the Jews were envious of Him preaching to the Gentiles the very things Moses and the prophets foretold would come (21-23)

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ACTS 26

The response of Festus and Agrippa (24-32) Acts 26:24–25 (NKJV) ²⁴ Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!" ²⁵ But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.

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ACTS 26

The response of Festus and Agrippa (24-32) Acts 26:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." ²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a **Christian.**"

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ACTS 26

The response of Festus and Agrippa (24-32) Acts 26:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁹ And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."



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 Will you be enlightened by the truth of God's word? (Romans 10:17)

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- ✓ Will you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? (John 8:24; Romans 10:9,10)
- Will you confess your faith in Christ before men? (Romans 10:9,10)
- ✓ Will you turn from SIN and submit to the authority of Jesus Christ? (Acts 17:30)
- Will you be baptized into Christ and cleansed by His blood? (Romans 6:3-6)

✓ Will you serve Jesus faithfully that you may obtain eternal life? (Hebrews 9:15)



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Acts 26:12–18 (NKJV)

¹² "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³ at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Acts 26:12–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'