

INTRODUCTION

- * Over the past couple of weeks, we have been considering the transition of Paul's ministry from proclaiming the gospel in a traveling ministry to the ultimate fulfillment of God's prophetic proclamation to him that Paul would bear His name before kings (cf. Acts 9:15-16) We have seen how God used Paul's innocent attendance at the Temple to fulfill a vow to begin the process of moving him along to Rome.
- * Last week, we began the final six week segment of our study of the book of Acts by beginning to look specifically at the Sovereignty of God being revealed in the transition of Paul to Rome. Specifically, we saw how God unveiled a plot by the Jews to kill Paul and moved the Roman commander to protect Paul with a force of 470 Roman soldiers in order to convey him to Caesarea.
- * Today, we continue this account with Paul being able to present his case before the secular authority.

INSTRUCTION

I. BEFORE FELIX (24:1-27)

A. The A_____ of the Jews (24:1-9)

- * AGAINST PAUL

- * AGAINST LYSIAS

B. The P_____ of Paul (24:10-21)

C. The I_____ of Felix (24:22-27)

1. HIS D_____ OF "THE WAY"
2. HIS D_____ OF PAUL'S CASE (v. 22)
3. HIS D_____ TO PROVIDE PAUL LIBERTY (v. 23)
4. HIS D_____ WITH PAUL (v. 24-25)
5. HIS D_____ OF PAUL'S CASE (v. 26-27)

II. BEFORE FESTUS (24:27 - 25:12)

A. The R_____ of the Jews (25:1-5)

B. The R_____ of Festus (25:6-9)

C. The R_____ of Paul (25:10-12)

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you living in the confidence of the Sovereignty of God, or are living in the fear of man?
- * Who are you trusting in for "justice"? Do you believe that God can overrule man?
- * How submissive to authority are you? Are you willing to trust the Sovereignty of God through our court system?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we, or how should we, as a church, become more "versed" in our rights as U.S. citizens?