



# God's Big Picture and Paul's testimony - Acts 22

## God's Big Picture:

1. Acts 7:1-53 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to Stephen outline from Jewish History and Jewish scriptures that Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah.
2. Acts 7:54-8:1 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit allow Stephen to die with dignity, peace, hope, and forgiveness in his heart – as the Jews stoned him.
3. Acts 9:1-20 Paul is miraculously \_\_\_\_\_, miraculously \_\_\_\_\_ into ministry, and immediately begins preaching Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to both Jews and Gentiles.
  - \*Paul was a **Roman Citizen**, giving him status and wisdom
  - \*Paul was a **member of the Sanhedrin**, giving him status and wisdom
  - \*Paul was a **Pharisee** educated at the feet of **Gamaliel**, giving him respectability and authority
  - \*Galatians 1 tells us that Paul received revelation **directly from Jesus** during this time frame, giving him apostolic status and authority
4. Acts 13-20 Paul preached, lectured, debated, reasoned, and defended Christianity with both Jews and Gentiles, friend and enemy – for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## NOTE:

1. Paul's citizenship kept him \_\_\_\_\_ from the Jews and gave him \_\_\_\_\_ to write his letters.
2. Paul's Roman world experience gave him \_\_\_\_\_ as to how he could speak to and convert Gentiles to Christianity.
3. Paul's credentials in \_\_\_\_\_ gave him vast Biblical knowledge, opportunity, and insight into how to speak to and convert Jews to Christianity.
4. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus, on top of his previous training, gave him wisdom, knowledge, and authority to teach Christianity from the Old Testament, and then to **develop New Testament doctrines** moving forward.
5. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_, and unintended protection by the Romans, gave Paul time and motivation to write letters to various churches and people outlining how Christianity should impact their daily living and produce Spiritual fruit.

## Paul's Testimony:

1. Life Before Christ:
  - a. I am a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. I was raised in \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. I studied under Gamaliel, fully trained in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. I was \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. I persecuted Christians, with the authority of the Sanhedrin

*Note: He established that before conversion, he was just like them.*

2. Paul's Conversion:
  - a. Jesus Christ himself \_\_\_\_\_ me while I was persecuting Him.
  - b. Jesus Christ himself \_\_\_\_\_ him to be an evangelist
3. Life After Salvation:
  - a. Jesus Christ himself told Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem and tell everyone, including Gentiles, about Jesus the Messiah.
  - b. Paul did just that – for the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**The Crowd's Reaction:** \_\_\_\_\_, stimulated by their extreme prejudice and racial supremacy. One of Israel's greatest sins, which Satan used to blind many of them from the truth. (2 Cor 4:4)

- The Roman Response:**
- a. Get at the truth about Paul's crimes through torture
  - b. Release Paul because he was a Roman citizen
  - c. Bring him to a Jewish court, still seeking the truth

## Application/Take Home:

1. God's will is being woven \_\_\_\_\_ time, \_\_\_\_\_ time, with no detail being overlooked, and with no \_\_\_\_\_ in his planning. (Romans 8:28)
2. Your testimony is yours and yours alone, must honor and glorify God, and should be \_\_\_\_\_ whenever an opportunity is provided.
3. Even if you don't get to finish your testimony, and even if it seems to make things worse; don't hesitate to share it. Because God will either use it \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ – to accomplish His work and His will.