

Standing With Integrity And Hope

Acts Chapter 24



False Charges Presented

24:1 Now after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and an attorney named Tertullus, and they brought charges against Paul to the governor. **2a** After Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began accusing him, saying to the governor,

Acts 24:1-8 (NASB)



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2b "Since we have attained great peace through you, and since reforms are being carried out for this nation by your foresight, 3 we acknowledge this in every way and everywhere, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

Acts 24:1-8 (NASB)



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4 But, that I may not weary you further, I beg you to grant us a brief hearing, by your kindness. 5 For we have found this man a public menace and one who stirs up dissensions among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

Acts 24:1-8 (NASB)



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**6 And he even tried to desecrate the temple, so indeed we arrested him.
8 By interrogating him yourself concerning all these matters, you will be able to ascertain the things of which we are accusing him.”**

Acts 24:1-8 (NASB)



Paul Responds with Truth

9 The Jews also joined in the attack, asserting that these things were so.

10 And when the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded:

“Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I cheerfully make my defense,

Acts 24:9-16 (NASB)



Paul Responds with Truth

11 since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago, I went up to Jerusalem to worship. **12** And neither in the temple did they find me carrying on a discussion with anyone or causing a riot, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city itself.

Acts 24:9-16 (NASB)



Paul's Truthful Confession

13 Nor can they prove to you the things of which they now accuse me. 14 But I confess this to you, that in accordance with the Way, which they call a sect, I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and is written in the Prophets;

Acts 24:9-16 (NASB)



Paul's Confident Expectations

15 having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. **16** In view of this I also do my best to maintain a blameless conscience both before God and before other people, always.

Acts 24:9-16 (NASB)



Righteousness by Faith In Jesus Christ

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 but it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction,

Romans 3:21-22 (NASB)



Pure, Good & Sincere

5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 (NASB)



Paul's Clear Conscience

17 Now after several years I came to bring charitable gifts to my nation and to present offerings, **18** in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar. But there were some Jews from Asia—

Acts 24:17-21 (NASB)



Paul's Clear Conscience

19 who ought to have been present before you and to have been bringing charges, if they should have anything against me. **20** Or else have these men themselves declare what violation they discovered when I stood before the Council,

Acts 24:17-21 (NASB)



Paul's Confident Proclamation

21 other than in regard to this one declaration which I shouted while standing among them, 'For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today!'"

Acts 24:17-21 (NASB)



Paul Trusts God's Judgement

**12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;
13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified.**

Romans 2:12-16 (NASB)



Paul Trusts God's Judgement

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the requirements of the Law, these, though not having the Law, are a law to themselves, **15** in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

Romans 2:12-16 (NASB)



Paul Trusts God's Judgement

**16 on the day when,
according to my gospel, God
will judge the secrets of
mankind through Christ
Jesus.**

Romans 2:12-16 (NASB)



Paul Trusts God's Judgement

**7 But God is the Judge;
He puts down one and
exalts another.**

Psalm 75:7 (NASB)



Felix Decides not to Decide

22 But Felix, having quite accurate knowledge about the Way, adjourned them, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case." 23 He gave orders to the centurion for Paul to be kept in custody and yet have some freedom, and not to prevent any of his friends from providing for his needs.

Acts 24:22-27 (NASB)



Felix's Missed Opportunity

24 Now some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla his wife, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. 25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and responded, "Go away for now, and when I have an opportunity, I will summon you."

Acts 24:22-27 (NASB)



Felix's True Motives Revealed

26 At the same time he was also hoping that money would be given to him by Paul; therefore, he also used to send for him quite often and talk with him. 27 But after two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul imprisoned.

Acts 24:22-27 (NASB)



Paul Exemplified This

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;

1 Peter 3:15 (NASB)



Paul Exemplified This

7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NASB)



Be the Light that Guides Others

Key Points Recap:

- Stand firm in the face of opposition.
- Cling to the hope of the resurrection.
- Maintain a clear conscience before God and men.
- Trust in God's righteous judgment and be a beacon of hope.

