

Defense of the Gospel

Acts 22:1-21

→ [PAUL gave us an example on sharing our faith (22:1–21)]

→ Peter 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear]*

A. He speaks concerning his pre-conversion (22:1–5, 20).

1. His background (22:1–3)
 - a. He was a Jew (22:3)
 - b. He was born in Tarsus (22:1–3a).
 - c. He was trained by Gamaliel (22:3b).
 - d. He was zealous for God (22:3c).

2. His bias (22:4–5, 20)

B. He speaks concerning his conversion (22:6–16).

1. His vision of the Son of God (22:6–11)
 - a. The revelation (22:6–10)
 - (1) What he saw (22:6)

→ [When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” – John 8:12]

→ [The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. – Isaiah 9:2]

(2) What he heard (22:7–10)

→ “Why are you persecuting me?” (22:7).]

→ [“Go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that you are to do” (22:8–10).]

b. The results (22:11)

2. His visit by the servant of God (22:12–16)

C. He speaks concerning his post-conversion (22:17–19, 21).

1. How God saved him from the Jews (22:17–19)
2. How God sent him to the Gentiles (22:21)