

- I. Paul is on trial before Felix, the Roman Governor (v. 1-9)

\*Pictures of Caesarea....

- A. The religious leaders brought false accusations
- B. The lawyer tried to flatter the judge
- C. The lawyer accused Paul falsely
  - 1. That Paul was a troublemaker
  - 2. That Paul was a dangerous leader
  - 3. That Paul desecrated the temple

- II. Paul speaks in his defense (v. 10-21)

- A. Paul came to the temple to worship God
- B. Paul did nothing to stir up the crowd
- C. Paul pointed to the lack of evidence
- D. Paul agreed with the law and the prophets
- E. Paul admitted he was a follower of Jesus
- F. Paul had brought gifts for the poor
- G. Paul had brought offerings to the temple

- III. Paul's message to the Governor (v. 22-27)

- A. He preached about faith in Jesus Christ

"That is you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

- B. He preached about the need for righteousness

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:22-24)

- C. He preached about the need for self-control

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.” (Romans 6:12)

D. He preached about the coming judgment

“For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:31)

E. The governor missed his opportunity to believe

“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’” (Luke 13:24-25)