

In Chains for the Gospel

Acts 26

Behind the Scenes: Philippians 1:12-14; 18b-21

"... what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel ..."

"I will rejoice, for I know that ... with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death ..."

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Paul's 5th Defense:

Begins and ends with the _____ ...

For Paul, it was _____ ...

For Felix, it was _____ ...

Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead? (26:8)

The Resurrection of Jesus was ...

_____ to us

_____ by us

_____ for us

The Resurrection was the great "therefore" of Paul's life:

Why I _____

Why I _____

Why I _____

Paul's life (and hopefully ours) _____ apart from it.

A Big Question: Are We Trying to Make Everybody _____? _____!

We want people to _____ of the Gospel ...

We want people to _____ and find life ...

We want people to _____ from the penalty of their sins

...

We want people to _____ with God ...

How?

_____ and _____

For those not-yet-Christian:

Don't _____ ...

Don't _____ ...

But _____!

"Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains." (26:29)

Epilogue: The Beautiful Irony of Paul's Chains

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