

Law, Grace, and the Gospel

Acts 21:17-36

Part 1: Paul's Mixed Greeting in Jerusalem – v. 17-26

Context: Pentecost and a bifurcated Church ...

The good: They _____ God for the advance of the _____!

The bad: They _____ Paul for misinformation they received from other Jews.

The ugly: They proposed a _____ 'solution' that involved _____ rites and _____ vows.

The question: Should Jewish believers continue to observe Jewish cultural practices?

Part 2: Paul's Assault and Arrest – v. 27-36

2 accusations ...

1 result ...

A glaring contrast ...

A striking similarity ...

4 Lessons:

_____ via _____ discredits individuals, diminishes the church, and damages the Gospel.

See: Eph 4:1-6

We must never sacrifice _____ for “_____”.

See: 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 11:4; Gal. 1:8

_____ requires us to sometimes sacrifice our own _____ and _____.

“A truly emancipated spirit such as Paul's is not in bondage to its own emancipation.” (F.F. Bruce)

See: 1 Cor. 9:20-23

The _____ of the _____ cannot be removed.

See: 1 Cor 1:21-25

Next week – the first of Paul's 5 Defenses