

# **ADVANCING THE GOSPEL** **AROUND THE CORNER**

## **Acts 26**

**We must seriously consider our command to take the true message of Christ around the corner.**

### **I. A REVIEW OF MISSIONS AROUND THE CORNER**

- A. The PRACTICE of Missions around the corner
  - 1. Activity: Going “Around the corner” means you are going
  - 2. Anticipation: Unknown and unexpected opportunities (See Acts 20:22-25)
- B. The PROHIBITION of Missions around the corner
  - 1. Not Highlighted Missions - Exp. Matt. 6:5
  - 2. Not Hidden Missions
    - a. Not missions “in the corner” - See verse 26
    - b. These are those who “turn the world upside down” - See Acts 17:6

### **II. THE REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONS AROUND THE CORNER (4-23)**

- What will it take to get the gospel around the corner ?

- A. The CONVERSION Requirement (4-15)
  - You must be converted in order to tell others (no one believes a fake)
  - 1. Paul tells of his Religion (4-5)
  - 2. Paul tells of his Rottenness (9-12)
  - 3. Paul tells of his Revelation (13-15)
- B. The COMMISSION Requirement (16-18)
  - Paul, like us, was commissioned to tell what he knew
  - 1. The Proposal (16)
  - 2. The Protection (17a)
  - 3. The Personnel (17b)
  - 4. The Plan (18)
    - a. Freedom > Unblind, unblacken and unbind ....
    - b. Forgiveness of sin (and the inheritance of the sanctified)
    - c. Faith > Christ sanctifying people by their faith in Him

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C. The COMMITMENT Requirement (19-23)

- Conversion and commission do not get the message of Christ around the corner .....
- Being saved and sent does not mean others are being reached
- 1. Paul's Footsteps (19)
  - I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision!
- 2. Paul's Fervor (20)
- 3. Paul's Focus (21-23)
  - The mercy, mandate and message of God

III. THE RESULT OF MISSIONS AROUND THE CORNER (24-28)

- What happens when the message of salvation through Christ goes around the corner?

A. ACCUSATION (from Festus) v.24

1. Festus said to Paul, "You are truly crazy"
2. Are we ready for that result ?

B. AFFIRMATION (from Paul) vs.25-26

1. Paul's Words: "I speak the words of truth and reason"
2. Paul's Witness > He claims the king as a witness > he knows these things are true

C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (from Agrippa) vs.27-28

1. Paul's Question: "Don't you believe"
2. Agrippa's Comment: "Almost persuaded"

D. ACCOMPLISHMENT

1. The word of God went around the corner
2. No one got saved
3. Paul took the word

**CONCLUSION:**

**We must seriously consider Christ's command for taking the true message of salvation around the corner**

"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place, your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything." - I Thessalonians 1:8