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A GOVERNOR HEARS THE GOSPEL

Church

Ill Couple in office;

Acts 24:24-27

If die in 24 hrs. what do?

FOUR POSITIVE POSTULATES:

Dull Spr. Matt. 16:24-26

1. The soul is the most valuable possession of man.
2. Sin is the deadliest enemy of the soul. *Rom. 6:23*
3. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. ✓
4. Christians are the only people commissioned to carry the saving message to a lost world. *1 Tim 3:15*

FOUR QUALIFIED QUESTIONS.

1. Are we as concerned about souls as we should be?
2. Are we as conscious about consequences of sin....?
3. Are we as convinced about power of gospel.....??
4. Are we convicted for not carrying gospel to more souls? *Could preach to Khrushchev, Castro, Tito, etc. RUSSIA, CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA*

MARK 16:15-16 teaches that the gospel is to be carried to all world in every generation regardless of world conditions. No qualifying remarks or reservations.

PAUL evangelized the world which was doubly hostile. Both Jews and Gentiles fought him. Found out "God called him to a battleground and not a playground." *Ill. "Small bears for small hunters." Col. 1:23.*

HIS EARLY LIFE FITTED HIM FOR THE BATTLE. *Spiritual.*

1. Born in Tarsus. Reared in Jerusalem, a tentmaker.
2. Schooled under Gamaliel. 22:3. *PRES. of Persecution. PARTY*

II. HIS CONVERSION PREPARED HIM FOR THE BATTLE? *Passive. Words*

1. Met his superior officer on road to Damascus. Acts 9.
2. Learned of his mission from Ananias. Acts 9:15-16.
3. Sufferings led to furtherance of the gospel. *Phl:12.*

III. HIS SUFFERINGS, HIS ENTRANCE TO THE HEARTS OF RULERS.

1. Extensive sufferings listed. II Cor. 11:23-28.
 - a. Stoned at Lystra, proved divine help. Acts 14:19.
 - b. Beating at Philippi, led to Jailer. Acts 16:19-24.
 - c. Shipwreck at Melita, power over vipers. 28:1.

IV. PAUL'S APPEARANCES BEFORE RULERS FULFILLED PROPHECY. *Resume: 9:15.*

1. Sanhedrian and High Priest. Acts 23.
2. Defense before Felix. Acts 24:1-23.
3. Sermon before Felix and Drusilla. *24:24-27: LESSON.*
4. Defense before Festus. Acts 25:1-12.
5. The gospel before Agrippa and Bernice. Acts 26:1-32.
6. Tradition says before Nero twice. Beheaded A. D. 67.

V. GOVERNOR FELIX HEARS THE GOSPEL. *"Goes to Church."*

1. Described: Former slave, cruel, mean and heartless. Spiritually dead, morally black. socially evil.

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2. Paul's three-point sermon to Governor Felix. ^{v. 25.}

a. Righteousness. Romans 1:14-18. The gospel!
Suggested David's prayer? Psalms 51:10.

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b. Temperance. Strength of self-control.
Little boy's definition: Turn down 2nd piece pie!
His own example. I Cor. 9:27.

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c. Judgment to Come. Heb. 9:27.
All must take their place. II Cor: 5:10-11.

CONCLUSION: *Felix trembled and postponed his decision. ^{24.} 25.

LOST!

- 1. Chances were 1 in 1 million he ever would.
- 1 in 5,000 from 18 yrs. to 25.
- 1 in 25,000 from 25-35.
- 1 in 80,000 from 35-45.
- 1 in 1 million 45-55.
- 1 in 5 million 55-85.

of obeying gospel.

Winston Churchill expressed the problem well:

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth,
But most pick themselves up and hurry off
as if nothing happened."

"TOMORROW," greatest enemy of the soul. II Cor. 6:2.

NOW is most convenient time to obey gospel you'll
ever have. B-R-C-B

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