"Acts- Enlarging the Kingdom (15-2): Paul's Defense in Jerusalem" (Acts 21:40-22:22)

Born-Again and Lifestyle Change: Confession is Connected to Repentance
– "turning *From* and turning *To*" (1 Thessalonians 1:9);
To Enlarge God's Kingdom, each Believer is Called to be a *Credible* Witness

Today: To See how Paul gave his Testimony, and to Learn How to Testify for the Lord

- I. Paul's Conduct Before Conversion (22:1-5)
 - A. Paul's Jewish Credentials
 - 1. Who is Our Audience? Identification (cf John 4)
 - 2. Improve Ability to Identify with others
 - B. Paul's Reference to Gamaliel and his Former Way of Life (22:5)
- II. Paul's Conversion (22:6-13, 16; cf Acts 9)
 - A. Paul's Damascus Road Experience
 - B. All Christians have Encountered Christ through Hearing the Truth of the Gospel
 - 1. The Core Truth of the Gospel: The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ
 - 2. Personal Experiences in the Testimony...

It is Insufficient to point others to Christ Without addressing the Holiness of God and the Sacrificial Love and Work of Christ

C. Clarification of 22:16

III. Paul's Commission (22:14-15, 17-21)

- A. Paul Immediately Proclaimed Christ (cf Acts 9:19–29; Gal 1:16–17)
- B. Paul was Commissioned to go to the Gentiles
- C. All Believers are Commissioned to Witness for Christ (cf Matt 28:19-20)
 - 1. Transformation always follows Genuine Repentance

No Change, No Repentance; New Birth, New Lifestyle!

2. To Share Christ is to Love Christ (2 Cor 5:14-18)

Are you a Brand New Person in Christ? Are you taking the Ministry of Reconciliation Seriously? Do you Love Christ?

Reflection: Giving a Testimony for Christ is to "Tell it Like It Is"...

Be Faithful Sowers!