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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 46

THE DANGER OF DELAY

The Hearing of the Gospel and the Hardening of the Heart

(Acts 24:1-27)

INTRODUCTION:

"Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

—Hebrews 3:12, 13

THE CURRENT STORYLINE... CONTINUES

- God will accomplish His **purpose** [for Paul] and no one can stop it. The **crowd** can't stop it. The **council** can't stop. The **conspirators** can't stop it.
- ...and the Gentile _____ can't stop it.

1A. TERTULLIS: THE _____ : (24:1-9)

*"After five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders, with **an attorney named Tertullus**, and they brought charges to the governor against Paul. After Paul had been summoned, **Tertullus began to accuse him**, saying to the governor,..."*

—Acts 24:1, 2

1B. The _____ : (v. 2b-4)

"Since we have through you attained much peace..."

2B. The _____ : (v. 5-9)

"For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. And he even tried to desecrate the temple; and then we arrested him."

—Acts 24:5, 6

1C. Paul is a _____ ...

2C. Paul is a _____ ...

3C. Paul is a _____ ...

2A. PAUL: THE _____ : (24:10-21)

*"When the governor had nodded for him to speak, Paul responded, 'Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, **I cheerfully make my defense...**'"*

1B. In regard to my _____,
they are _____. (v. 11-13)

“...since you can take note of the fact that no more than twelve days ago **I went up to Jerusalem to worship.**”

2B. In regard to my _____,
they are _____. (v. 14-16)

“But **this I admit to you**, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do **serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets; having a hope in God**, which these men cherish themselves...”

- “I am a _____ of the Way. But in so doing, I am not _____ the God of our fathers, I am being _____ to Him.”
- Four statements:

3B. In regard to my _____,
they are _____. (v. 17-19)

“Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings; in which **they found me occupied in the temple, having been purified, without any crowd or uproar.**”

- I am not only a _____ of Rome,
I am a _____ of Israel.

3A. **FELIX: THE _____** : (24:22-27)

1B. The Decision on Paul's _____ Deferred to a Future Time: (v. 22-23)

“ But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about the Way, **put them off**, saying, ‘When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case.’”

2B. The Decision on Paul's _____ Deferred to a Future Time: (v. 24-27)

“But some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul and heard him speak about **faith in Christ Jesus**. But as **he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come**, Felix became frightened and said, ‘**Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you.**’”

—Acts 24:24, 25

1C. Felix was given a _____ . (v. 24-25)

2C. Felix was given _____ . (v. 26b)

CONCLUSION: