

Paul's Willingness to Avoid Offense (Acts 21:20b-26) 5/17/26

Review

The _____, which Paul has been collecting for a year, and over 1,700 miles of travel, would help meet the needs of _____ believers at Jerusalem and serve to build a _____ between the Jewish and Gentile churches.

Paul wants the believing _____ to love and accept the _____ believers.

The first order of business for Paul was to go to the church _____.

Paul understood the importance of providing _____ information of the work that was taking place for the kingdom in the _____ world.

The joy of the Jerusalem leaders was mixed with _____.

The Elders Present the Problem to Paul (vv. 20b-22)

see (theoreo) =

The elders _____ Paul that God had been working in their midst, too, as evidenced by _____ of Jewish Christians.

zealous (zelotes) =

These are _____ Christians who remained devoted to the _____ aspects of the Law.

Notes on how we should evaluate the Jewish believers' devotion to the Law:

The Jerusalem Council _____ the imposition of Old Covenant rituals on Gentiles, but it did not prohibit Jewish believers from continuing to _____ them.

What they had been told about Paul were _____ falsehoods.

forsake (apostasia) =

customs (ethos) =

The job of the church and its leaders is to _____ which cultural things are neutral and to weed out the cultural things that are _____.

The Elders Propose the Solution to Paul (vv. 23-26)

Their proposal will be for Paul to disprove the lies by his own _____, by showing that he himself still lived in observance of the _____.

The solution to which they came was not a _____, in the sense of sacrificing a doctrinal or moral principle, but a concession in the area of _____.

Notes on what the elders wanted Paul to do:

Paul's submission to this matter would help the elders be his _____, showing that he was willing to fall in line with their teaching that _____ did not have to give up their _____ when they became Christian.

The elders reiterated their position regarding the Gentiles as stated at the Jerusalem _____.

Paul was willing to _____ himself and submit to this reasonable request for the sake of _____ in the church and to quiet her enemies.

Notes from [1 Corinthians 9:19-23](#):

Paul's participation in this cultural _____ did not compromise any biblical truth. Instead, it was a matter of Christian liberty and humble _____.