

The Church Is Gaining an Audience

Acts 25:1-26:32

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A speaker's audience often directs the course of his address. The speech may take a serious tone for one group and a relaxed and congenial tone for another. As Paul continues to defend himself and the Gospel from charges the Jews brought against him, he now gets to address a new Roman governor and a king. His delivery helps us identify four essential characteristics of a clear Gospel proclamation.

I. C_____ (Acts 25:1-12)

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed... ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:14, 17

“But I know my living Redeemer,
and He will stand on the dust at last.”

Job 19:25

Walking Point: *A Clear C_____!*

II. C_____ (Acts 25:13-27)

“For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Walking Point: *A Clear F_____!*

“For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross—whether things on earth or things in heaven.”

Colossians 1:19-20

III. C _____ (Acts 26:1-23)

“We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and by nature we were children under wrath, as the others were also. ⁴But God, who is abundant in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, ⁵made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. By grace you are saved! ... ¹⁰For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:3-5,10

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IV. C _____ (Acts 26:24-32)

“But you,’ He asked them, ‘who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!’”

Matthew 16:15-16

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“I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰love the Lord your God, obey Him, and remain faithful to Him. For He is your life, and He will prolong your life in the land the Lord swore to give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20