

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: The Peril of Procrastination
Text: Acts 26:19-29 (AM 11/25/07)

In today's text Paul delivers his final defense before Festus and Agrippa in Caesarea. They would have set him free had Paul not appealed to Caesar. The apostle seized the moment to witness to King Agrippa and the influential court that had gathered. In the midst of the missionaries soaring proclamation of the Gospel there is a stunning rejection of God's Grace... "Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'you almost persuaded me to become a Christian.'" While seldom chronicled this tragedy is oft repeated today.

I. The Truth is *Clear*. (19-26)

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17

- The Word of salvation is *complete* (23 & 18)
- The Way for salvation is *clear* (20)
- The Witnesses of His salvation are the *church* (22-23)

II. The Timing is *Critical*. (27-28)

"Behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2

- The Situation is *convenient* (25:22)
- The Story is *convincing* (27)
- The Spirit is *convicting* (28)

III. The Testimony is *Compelling*. (29)

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" Hebrews 2:3

- Christ willingly was *crucified* to redeem you for Himself!
- Christians are *calling* your name before the Father!
- Circumstances are *compelling* you to trust the Son!

Application to our life: Where are you in your walk with God? Is He calling you unto Himself in *salvation*? Is He pleading with you to *share* with those who are lost? Maybe the Father is calling you to *surrender* to the mission field? *Don't leave today almost persuaded to follow Him – "Behold now is the accepted time!"* 2 Corinthians 6:2