

Acts, Life in the Spirit

Acts 22:30 – 23:35 A Pound of Flesh

I. Paul vs. the Sanhedrin

II. Wanting what we want (sometimes because it seems right and good)

III. Some signs of the flesh

- Inensitive, prideful disdain for others.
- Frustration, anger and cutting comments.
- A person not in control of their emotions.

IV. Our approach vs. God's approach

V. Coming to an end of ourselves

VI. The Lord's restoration

VII. The enemy intensifies his attack

VIII. God increases the protection

Discussion / Study questions

1. Read the passage again. What stands out to you in this passage as consistent? Different? Important?
2. What have the last couple of weeks of Paul's life been like? How would you characterize his emotional state?
3. Does Paul's reaction to the Sanhedrin surprise you? If Paul has been seeking a chance to share his story with the leaders of Israel for 27 years, why would he act this way?
4. How would you define what the Bible describes as our fleshly or sinful nature?
5. What are some principles or truths *regarding "our fleshly nature"*?
6. How does Satan capitalize on our flesh?
7. What should be our ongoing approach to our flesh?
8. What is God's plan to overcome our flesh? What needs to occur for us to be restored?
9. Do you have any other thoughts about this passage?

Memory Verse: ²⁸*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* ²⁹*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.* ³⁰*And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.* Romans 8:28-30

Next week's passage: Acts 24

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