

Acts # 90 “That’s My Story and I’m Sticking To It” Acts 22:1-12

Paul’s speech before an angry mob was primarily aimed at establishing his complete commitment to the Jews and his love for Judaism.

Paul knew that someday Israel will turn to her Messiah Jesus Christ and when she does, the world will be a different place in which to live.

There is absolutely no hope that we will ever solve the population explosion, the environmental pollution crisis, our political differences, wars or any other problems of our day until Israel turns to God through her Messiah Jesus Christ.

God’s plan is for us to use His grace solutions and have peace even in the worst difficulties of life.

In learning how to live and how to die, we discover the real key to happiness.

Paul was the official top agent of the Sanhedrin to rid the world of Christianity and if anyone doubted it, all they had to do was ask the high priest or any member of the Sanhedrin; so, from the time Paul became highly religious until he accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, his life was constant persecution of people who disagreed with him.

Paul is caught between two systems of law but this time there is a breakdown in Jewish law which is not functioning with integrity in allowing Saul to hunt down Christians.

The greatest destructive action to any system of law is its nation’s religious influence.

So, Paul is saying to the crowd that he once stood where they are.

But something happened to change all that and transform Paul’s life and that’s all this former persecutor wants them to know.

But how could someone be positive at God-consciousness and then turn so radically in another direction? Parental influence and training and so it took Jesus Christ Himself to deal with Saul, a religiously calloused unbeliever.

Unbelieving Saul of Tarsus knows what it is to be the persecutor and now Paul the believer is the persecuted.

Saul was doing everything he could to destroy Christianity and Paul is doing everything he can

to promote it; what a turnaround that has but only one explanation.

God has a plan for our lives and whether we ever get with that plan or not depends entirely upon our attitude toward biblical truth.

It doesn’t depend upon anything else and certainly one of the greatest tragedies with new believers today in churches is that they get everything but biblical truth.

The first thing to do after we’re saved, if we’re ever going to be on the right track, is to do

nothing but close our mouths and open our ears; we have to be briefed to find out what the Christian life is all about.

Every ordinary believer is in full-time Christian service under two appointments: Royal ambassador and Royal priest and as ambassador we represent the absent Christ and as priests we represent ourselves before God.

The ordinary life actually is the most difficult life because it has the fewest outward stimulants; so it requires a deeper and steadier faith response.

The ordinary life becomes an extraordinary life through knowledge and application of biblical truth.

Remember; the wonderful service Paul received from ordinary Ananias had extraordinary world-wide repercussions!