

**“Acts – Enlarging God’s Kingdom (15-5):
Paul’s Defense Before Festus and King Agrippa II” (Acts 25:1-26:29)**

**Make that All-important Decision to Repent and Reconcile with God...
Don’t Procrastinate!**

Today’s Message: Paul, Governor Festus and King Agrippa (AD 58-62)

I. Paul’s Trial Before Festus (25:1-12)

- A. Festus Met with Jewish religious authorities in Jerusalem (vv 2-5)
- B. Unproven Charges and Paul’s Defense (vv 6-8)
- C. Festus’ Unwillingness to Rule in the Case and Paul’s Appeal to Caesar (vv 9-12)

II. Paul’s Defense before Agrippa II (25:13-26:32)

- A. Background to the Case (25:13-22): Dispute Centers around “a Dead man named Jesus who Paul claimed was Alive” (25:19)
- B. Paul’s Defense (25:23-26:23)
 - 1. Theatrical Drama... more than a Hearing of an Accused Prisoner (25:23-27)
 - 2. Paul’s Testimony (26:2-23)
 - His early life in Judaism – Belief in the Hope of Resurrection (26:8)
 - His Fanatical Opposition to Christianity Before Conversion
 - His Conversion (26:13-14)
 - His Calling (26:15-18)
 - His Commitment to the Commission (26:19-22a)
 - His Message (26:22b-23): Repent and Turn to God; Prove one’s Repentance by one’s Deeds

Fulfillment of the Prophets and Moses:

“the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead”

3. Climax at the End of the Defense (26:24-29)

- Festus’ Outburst (26:24)
- Paul’s Reply and Challenge to King Agrippa (26:25-27)

**The Actor on the Stage – Paul, Exchanged his Role with the Audience – Agrippa;
Paul became the Judge and his Audience, specifically King Agrippa, the Prisoner on Trial**

- Agrippa Diffusing the Question and Paul Pressing the Issue

Reflection: Doubts about the Christian Faith?

**The Truth of “Jesus Christ Crucified and Rose Again” is Sufficient
for anyone to make an Informed Decision!**

**Don’t Procrastinate, Resist or Dismiss what one has heard...
Decide while one’s heart is Soft, and be Blessed!**