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# ***PAUL'S DEFENSE***

## ***ACTS 22***

Last week—to be great at anything is to be often misunderstood.

***Now Paul is going to explain himself!***

- A perfect example of **1 PETER 3:15-16**.
- With this very courteous salutation, Paul began the first of five defenses recorded by Luke in the book of Acts.
- He chose his words carefully, seeking to *“find common ground with everyone.”*

# ***WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PAUL?***

- 1.** Make sure you affirm people who are lost.
- 2.** Use your own credentials whatever they may be.
- 3.** Use your own testimony.
- 4.** Practice submission to God.
- 5.** Use the respect and testimony of others.

## 6. *Don't forget to close the deal!*

- Ask people to make a decision to follow Christ and be baptized . . . all they can do is say no!
- Are there unbaptized believers? Yes, sure there are.
  - It's possible—the thief on the cross was not baptized and was saved—but why would you want to when you can be obedient and blessed? Even Jesus was baptized.
  - Have you obeyed the command to be baptized?  
***We have one happening soon—sign up!***

7. Look for God's divine guidance.
8. Be authentic.
9. Use whatever is at your disposal to keep on your mission.

***FINALLY, PAUL REVEALS HIS ROMAN CITIZENSHIP.***

- Use common sense.
- Above all else, trust God. **PROV. 3:5-6**