

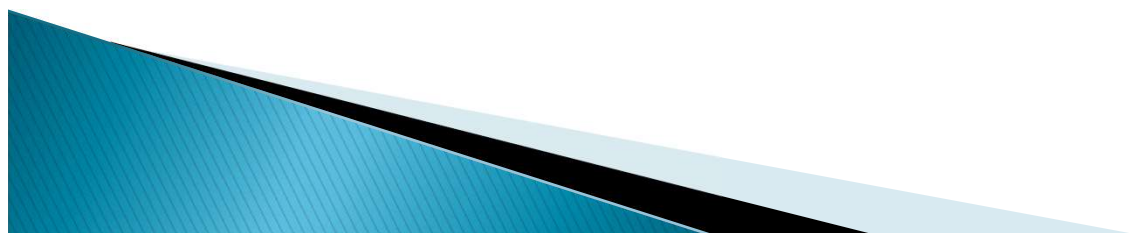
Last Week

- ▶ The violent mob in Jerusalem
- ▶ Paul's address to the mob
 - He was once as they
 - He changed
 - The Lord appeared to Paul “for this purpose”: that he might be a minister and a witness (Acts 26:16)
 - He heard words from Ananias to be obeyed in order to receive the remission of sins
 - Paul obeyed those words (Acts 9:18)



Calling on the name of the Lord

- ▶ The instruction of Acts 22:16
- ▶ Acts 2:21, 38–39
- ▶ Romans 10:8–17
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:21



Surely the Jews will hear Paul's testimony concerning Christ?

- ▶ “They will not receive” – verse 18
- ▶ Paul's response
- ▶ The Lord's answer
 - Galatians 2:8
 - Ephesians 3:7–8
 - Acts 26:16–18
- ▶ “They listened until this word”
 - Prejudice
 - Closed ears and hearts



Paul – a Roman citizen

- ▶ A coveted privilege
- ▶ Acts 16:37
- ▶ Not allowed to be bound and scourged
- ▶ Tacitus: 7 out of 10 did not survive scourging
- ▶ Paul used his rights of citizenship
 - Can we not also?



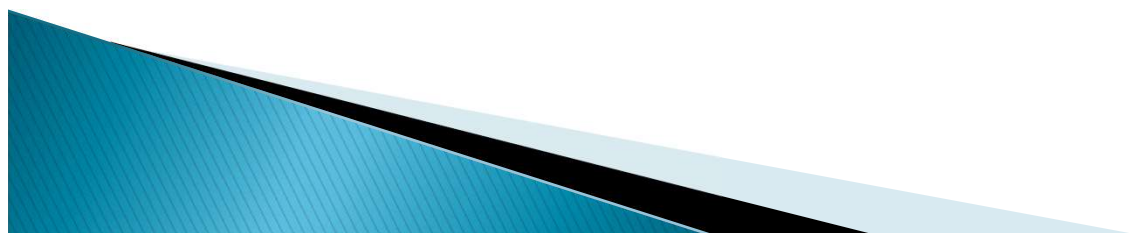
Paul before the Sanhedrin

- ▶ 70–72 men
- ▶ High court of the Jewish people
- ▶ Consisted of rulers, elders, and scribes



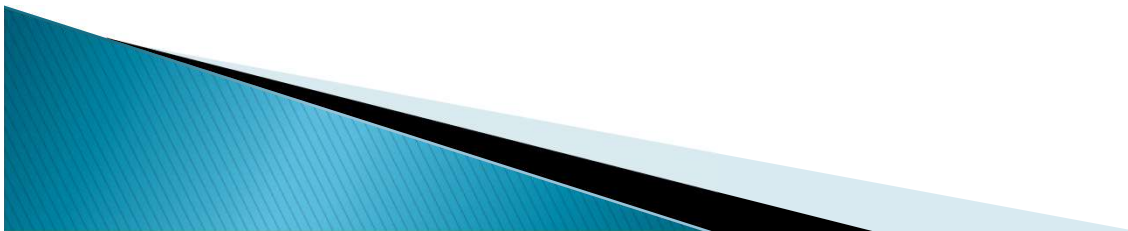
Paul and his conscience

- ▶ Lived in all good conscience before God until this day
 - How he ordered his life
 - Knew nothing against himself
 - Open, in the sight of God
- ▶ Conscience: “co-knowledge with oneself”
 - “Serves as a court. The court does not make the law, but decides if conduct has been in accord with established law” (Danny Brown, The Preceptor)
 - Prompts
 - Condemns or approves
- ▶ Good conscience necessary, but not justified by that
 - 1 Timothy 1:15
 - 1 Corinthians 4:4



A divided Sanhedrin

- ▶ Pharisees & Sadducees
- ▶ Sadducees – no angel, no spirit, no resurrection
- ▶ “when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees”
- ▶ Lysias removes Paul



- ▶ Encouragement from the Lord
 - Be of good cheer
 - He knows what Paul has done
 - A promise of Rome
- ▶ The plot
 - The chief priests and elders agreeable
 - One who knew, spoke up
 - Paul was active in his own safety even though promised by the Lord that he would go to Rome
- ▶ Lysias did the right thing
 - Compare to Pilate – John 18:38; 19:4,6

