

LESSONS LEARNED FROM KING AGRIPPA

Text: Acts 26:26-29

INTRO: Strange as it may seem, at least 5 common religious errors are exposed in one of these verses--verse 28.

I. "ALMOST" vs. CHRISTIAN BY FAITH ONLY..

- A. Agrippa believed in God; believed the Scriptures.
- B. But he himself realized that he was not a Christian.
- C. Agrippa was not a Christian by faith only, neither are others.
READ JAMES 2:19-24

II. "YOU (PAUL) ALMOST PERSUADE ME" vs Divine Infusion.

Romans 10:13-14, 17; Acts 11:13-14

III. "PERSUADE ME" vs. PERSUADE GOD.

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2 Pet 3:9; MT 11:28; JN 3:16-18; Rom 5:8

The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.
(JN 6:37)

IV. "TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN" vs. TO "GET RELIGION."

NOTE: Pure religion is not something you get. It is something you do. James 1:27.

V. "A CHRISTIAN" vs "NOTHING IN A NAME."

- A. The word "Christian" is used only 2 other times.
 - 1. Given to disciples first in Antioch after gentiles began to come into the faith, Acts 11:26; Isa 62:2
 - 2. A name in which disciples are to glorify God.
1 Pet 4:16
 - 3. James 2:7 makes mention of "that worthy name by which you are called."

- B. The names most people wear religiously are not found in

Scriptures. Man, doctrine, form of govt., Jewish holiday, etc.

C. Paul was one of those who had been called a Christian from the time that name was given. Agrippa was convinced that Paul would like him also to become a Christian. Note Paul's response in vs. 29.

CONCLUSION: That is what Paul would have us to be. That is what Jesus would ask us to be.

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