Northwest Bible Church - Aug. 16, 2020 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 21:37-22:16**

*Paul’s Defense of the Gospel*

Intro

**A. THE ROMAN COMMANDER AND PAUL (Acts 21:37-40)**

 1. The accusation - You are the Egyptian (Acts 21:38).

 2. Paul identifies himself (Acts 21:39).

 3. His request to address the people (Acts 21:39-40).

**B. PAUL’S DEFENSE TO THE JEWS (22:1-22).**

 1. Paul’s pre-conversion life in Judaism (22:3-5).

 a. Upbringing and religious education (22:3).

 b. His character: zeal as a persecutor of Christians (22:4-5).

 2. Paul’s conversion: his encounter with Christ (22:6-10).

 a. Theophany (Acts 22:6).

 b. Divine call (Acts 22:7-10).

 (1) Individual call.

 (2) Convicting call.

 (3) Identifying call.

 (4) Effectual call.

 3. Paul’s commission given through Ananias (Acts 22:10b-16).

 a. Immediate direction (Acts 22:10-11).

 b. Blindness healed by Ananias (Acts 22:12-13).

 c. His mission (Acts 22:14-15).

 4. Paul’s baptism (Acts 22:16).

 Command #1 - BE BAPTIZED, the means of doing that is to GET UP.

 Command #2 - WASH AWAY YOUR SINS, the means of doing that is to call on His name. Ananias is NOT saying, wash away your sins by baptism.

**LESSONS**

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