

## Acts 26:8-32

**INTRODUCTION:** Paul speaks of his “*hope*” – 26:6-7

- Paul’s “*hope*” is in the “*resurrection*” – 26:8 – Eph. 2:12,

Col. 1:27, Titus 2:13, 1 Thess. 4:13, 1 Peter 1:3

- Paul didn’t understand this unbelief in the “*resurrection*” – 26:8

26:9-11 – They didn’t have a clue ... they’re “*without hope*”.

- Jesus proved that there is a “*resurrection*” – 26:23

- How did they react to Paul’s preaching? 26:24 ... 26:28

- Our responsibility is to offer “*hope*” to the “*hopeless*”.

26:24 – Festus interrupts Paul’s speech ... Paul responds – 26:25

- The world thinks we’re “*mad*” because we say Christ is the

ONLY WAY – John 14:6

26:26-27 – You can “*believe*” all the “*right things*”, and still be “*hopelessly*” lost.

26:28 – “*Almost*” ... just doesn’t cut it! “*Almost Christians*”!

- With salvation, there’s no “*middle ground*” ... no “*almost*”.

1 Agrippa might be worried what people would think – 26:24,  
26:4-5

2 Agrippa might not want to change – 2 Cor. 5:14-15,17, 26:9

- What if ... God “*almost*” loved you?

- “*Good people*” are lost, because they “*almost*” came to Christ.

26:29 – Paul’s response ... “*almost and altogether*” – Eph. 2:8-9

26:30-32 – King Agrippa’s response ... his mind was on his job, not on his eternal soul.

- Would he ever be “*under conviction*” again, or would his heart grow harder, colder?

- Who is better off? Festus or Agrippa? Rev. 3:15-16

26:31-32 – Paul would have been set free, if not for his appeal to Caesar.

- God has a mission for Paul in Rome.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Had God prepared your heart, when He saved you?

- Did you feel “*set free*” from the weight of sin?

- If “*almost and altogether*” saved, then thank God for it!