

## Acts 25:14 – 26:8

**INTRODUCTION:** Gov. Festus tells Paul's story – 25:14-21

25:14 – This was a “*cold case*”, left over by Gov. Felix.

25:19 – This was really a religious matter, not civil – 25:20

25:21 – “*Augustus*” means ‘*reverend, worshipful one*’.

- After Octavianus, all the “*Caesars*” used this title.

25:22 – King Agrippa was curious about Paul – 26:3

25:23 – This was a “*big event*” in Caesarea.

25:24-27 – Festus repeats publicly what he's said in private.

25:25 – They're playing “*politics*” with Paul.

25:26-27 – Festus couldn't go to Caesar unprepared.

- Paul's life was focused on obeying God's call – 1 Cor. 2:1-5

- We ... should have the same focus – Philippians 3:12-14

26:1 – It's not a “*trial*” ... he's “*appealed*” to Caesar – 25:26,27

- Paul has the opportunity to witness for his Lord – 25:23

- Paul's life, and King Agrippa's life, offer no comparison.

- Eternity will sort it all out, and Paul is the winner!

- You are “*somebody*” ... you are GOD'S “*somebody*”!

- We were saved to become “*righteous*”, not because we were already “*righteous*” – Romans 5:8

- Paul raises his hand to speak – 21:40

26:2-3 – King Agrippa understood Jewish ways and customs.

- Agrippa had an “*advantage*” over pagan Gentile audiences.

26:4-5 – Paul knew the minds of those persecuting him.

26:6-7 – Notice “*hope*” and “*promise*” in these 2 verses.

26:6 – God “*promised*” a “*resurrection*”, an “*after-life*” –  
Daniel 12:2, Job 19:25-27

- God's “*promised*” Messiah was the “*hope*” of the Jews – Jesus!

26:8 – Without Christ, there is “*no hope*” – Ephesians 2:12

- Scripture speaks of our “*hope*” – Colossians 1:27, Titus 2:13,  
1 Thessalonians 4:13, 1 Peter 1:3

- Paul was often persecuted for his “*hope*” in the “*resurrection*”.

**CONCLUSION:** Paul will “*clue them in*” on his “*hope*”.

- Look at their reaction – 26:24, 26:28

- Share your “*hope*” to those “*without hope*”.