

Paul's Defense Before Agrippa

A crowd of dignitaries

Acts 25:23 (p 1288)

Gospel shakes one man to the core

Acts 26:24-29 (p 1289)

“To be almost saved is
to be totally
lost.”



Objections To
OBEDIENCE

I WILL LATER BUT NOT NOW

The temptation of procrastination!

No middle ground with Jesus.

Two choices: yes or no!

Delay can be dangerous.



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The challenge is to impress the conviction of the heart to respond to a desperate need for grace.

Acts 2:27 (p 1254)

I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH YET

Christianity is a constant growth process.

Obedience is only taking the first step!

1 Peter 2:2 (p 1391)

Matthew 28:19-20 (p 1150)



What did these people know?

- * Pentecost – *Acts 2 (p 1253)*
- * Eunuch – *Acts 8 (p 1263)*
- * Jailer – *Acts 16 (p 1275)*

Objections To
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I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I CAN LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH YET – I WANT TO IMPROVE MY LIFE
Everyone begins as a babe in Christ

1 Peter 2:2 (p 1391) 2 Peter 3:18 (p 1397)

The Christian must grow

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THERE ARE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH

Consider the church at Corinth

The church is a place of sick people – a hospital

1 Corinthians is a letter about people

1 Corinthians 11:1 (p 1319)

Imitate Christ

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I WANT TO WAIT FOR PARENTS / SPOUSE

We do not stand before God in family groups!

2 Corinthians 5:10 (p 1329)

Personal – *Romans 14:11-12 (p 1307)*

Jesus talked about obedience and family

Luke 14:26, 33 (p 1203)



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I DON'T WANT TO CONDEMN MY FATHER, MOTHER, OR GRANDPARENTS

Feelings of family can supersede obedience to God

My actions do not judge another person

“The soul who sins shall die.”

Ezekiel 18:4 (p 972)

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DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ARE GOING TO HEAVEN

Many look at the church as another denomination

Some members think the same thing

"I'm church of Christ"

There is one church in the NT

Salvation is found only in
the NT church



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YOU'RE TOO PICKY AND NARROW-MINDED

We must not be ashamed of being narrow-minded

God gave Ten Commandments; not Suggestions

- * Build an ark of gopher wood
- * Dip seven times in the Jordan



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But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

Luke 18:23-24 (p 1208)

I am
NOT ASHAMED
of the GOSPEL
for it is THE POWER of GOD
FOR the SALVATION of
everyone who BELIEVES

ROMANS 1:16