

***Our Past Salvation Determines Our Present Purpose***  
**Acts 22:1-29**

**I. Followers of Jesus have a \_\_\_\_\_, 22:3-5.**  
Paul's life before salvation.

**II. Followers of Jesus have a \_\_\_\_\_, 22:6-16.**  
Paul's conversion is unique.

**III. Followers of Jesus have a \_\_\_\_\_, 22:17-21.**  
Paul's commission

**IV. Followers of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_, but God will see us through all of them, 22:22-29.**

**What can we learn about Paul's conduct throughout this entire difficulty?**

#1 Paul accepted the situation as from the Lord. He knew this was his path to embrace, and he did not shrink back. (20:22-23; 21:4, 10-13).

#2 Paul used his circumstances as an opportunity. They wanted to beat him, but he leveraged the situation to create an opportunity for them to listen to a sermon (21:37-40).

#3 Paul was conciliatory to his accusers and did not seek their harm, even addressing them courteously (22:1, even using "fathers" as a term of respect to the religious leaders) and acknowledging their zeal for the Lord in beating him (22:3d).

#4 Paul exalted the Lord (1 Cor 10:31). The crowd would have to oppose God when he was done because Paul simply acknowledged God's call on his life and claimed obedience to this call.

#5 Paul maintained a proper attitude of selfless love.

- Love brought him to Jerusalem (20:22-23).
- Love for weaker brethren (those who opposed him in chapter 21) led him to pursue unity above all, so he followed the Jewish elders' advice to observe the law.
- Love for his unsaved countrymen led him to evangelize the hostile crowd (21:39; Romans 5:1-5).
- Love for God that motivated his love for people and caused him to give glory to him.