

### **Audience Until This Word**

**Acts 22:21-22** "Then He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.'" **22 And they listened to him until this word**, and then they raised their voices and said,

"Away with such a fellow from the earth, for **he is not fit to live!**"

#### **Introduction:**

1. Paul was in Jerusalem **Acts 21:17**
2. Jews stirred up against acceptance of Gentiles **Acts 21:27-28**
3. Crowd angered by Paul's practice **Acts 21:30-31, 36**
4. Paul stilled crowd with his hand and his Hebrew **Acts 21:40; 22:2**

#### **Discussion:**

- I. **LAW (The Gospel of Christ touches hearts and stirs a response and thinking!)**
  - A. Anger & rejection of Stephen **Acts 7:54-60** CF also **Acts 22:22-24**
  - B. Envy & persecution at Antioch **Acts 13:45, 50**
  - C. Mocked & hesitated **Acts 17:32**
  - D. Investigated **Acts 17:11-12**
  - E. Feared & waited **Acts 24:25**
  - F. Accepted & Obeyed **Acts 2:36-41**
- II. **LISTENED (no one reacted while he showed them that he had been one of them. Only when he said the Gospel he now preached was for "Gentiles" did prejudices "kick in.")**
  - A. Paul had been a zealous Jew **Acts 22:1-3**
  - B. Paul had persecuted Way **Acts 22:4-5**
  - C. Paul's conversion **Acts 22:6-16**
  - D. God condemned Jews' Hardness **Acts 22:17-20**
  - E. Paul sent to Gentiles **Acts 22:21**
  - F. Jews could take no more **Acts 22:22**
- III. **LIMIT (What Scriptural word causes you to "check out" on the whole truth?)**
  - A. Gentiles, Negro, etc. **James 2:1; Col. 3:25; Rom. 10:12**
  - B. Faith **Acts 15:7, 11**
  - C. Repentance **Acts 3:19; 11:18**
  - D. Confession **Romans 10:9-10**
  - E. Baptism **Acts 2:38; 6:7**
  - F. Study **Matthew 28:18-20; I Tim. 4:11, 13; Heb. 5:12**
  - G. Assembling **Hebrews 10:24-25; Jas. 2:2; Matt. 18:20; Lk. 4:16**
  - H. Giving **Mk. 12:41-44; I Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-8**
  - I. Personal work **Mark 1:17; Mk. 16:15**
  - J. Caring for others **Jas. 1:27; Psa. 146:9; Jer. 49:11**
  - K. Striving for peace **Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11; Heb. 12:14**

#### **Conclusion:**

1. Where does your tolerance end for the message of Christ?
2. When did you stop listening to this lesson?
3. "Repent, and believe in the gospel" **Mark 1:15**
4. Follow "all the way." **Jas. 1:22-25**