

Gospel is Universal, All Need It

Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:5;
Colossians 1:23

The audience of Felix and Drusilla

The Gospel is for All

For both Jew and Gentile, Romans
1:16

Felix and Drusilla:
Felix – a man, a Greek, a slave, a
Governor, an adulterer
Drusilla – a woman, a Jewess, a
Princess, a Queen, an adulteress
Paul's audience – a Greek, a Jew, a
slave, a ruler (Governor), Royalty

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Felix and Drusilla needed it, Acts
24:24

"With every kind of cruelty & lust, he exercised the authority of a king with the temper of a slave."
(Tacitus)

An Adulteress

Everybody Needs It

All have sinned - Romans 3:23

All to be judged - Acts 17:30;
2 Corinthians 5:10

Gospel is Rational – Reason
With It

Acts 24:25

The gospel is rational

Words of truth and reason, Acts 26:24-26

Not devised by man, *Isaiah* 55:8-9 Galatians 1:12 Wisdom and power of God, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Must reason from the gospel

To persuade sinners, Acts 24:25; 2 Corinthians 5:11 From the scriptures, Acts 17:2-3 not our wisdom Acts 26: 17-18



GOSPEL PREACHING

The nature of God, his mercy, justice God's eternal purpose Sin and its problem

Living in darkness Light – Fruit of the Spirit

Christ the solution

How to obtain the solution, urgency of it Walking in the light, sanctification

The inheritance, judgement, punishment

Courageously Speak What People Need

Acts 28:31

Address needs of audience -

Seutonius and Tacitus (Roman Historians) Also Mention Felix

"Claudius was equally fond of Felix, giving him the command of cohorts and of troops of horse, as well as of the province of Judaea; and he became the husband of three queens."

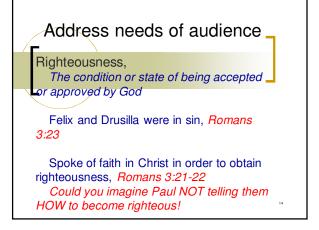
Seutonius – Lives of the Twelve Caesars – Claudius 28

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"Not equally moderate was his brother, surnamed Felix, who had for some time been governor of Judaea, and thought that he could do any evil act with impunity, backed up as he was by such power."

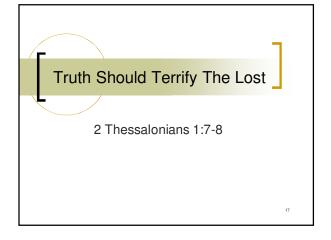
Tacitus Annals - Book 12

Address needs of audience The hearer, Felix, one who might have executed Paul Yet Paul-had the COURAGE to speak, Ephesians 6:19-20 Utterance and boldness And he preached faith in Christ Jesus Paul preached the gospel, what they needed to hear, not what they wanted to hear 1 Corinthians 9:16 2 Timothy 4:2 All of us, Galatians 6:10

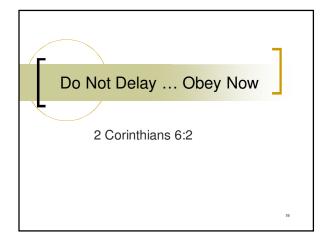


Address needs of audience Expose Sin, Ephesians 5:11 Self-control, Adultery, Cruelty, Lust "The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites." (Thayer, 167) We need self-control to do right thing, 2 Peter 1:6; (James 4:17); 1 Corinthians 9:25 Repentance applied (Acts 26:20)









Do Not Delay

We do not know what tomorrow will bring, James 4:14

Felix – Acts 24:26-27, still with Drusilla, called to Rome to answer to Nero, divorces Drusilla, marries a fourth time, therefore doubtful he obeyed the gospel, do not know his fate after seeing Nero.

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Do Not Delay

Drusilla – Probably had not obeyed the Gospel by the end of two years. Died in the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, at the approximate age of 37 to 40

We do not know whether either one had another opportunity to obey the Gospel

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