



## PAUL DEFENDS HIMSELF BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

**TEXT:** Acts 23:1-11

**INTRODUCTION:** It is not what happens to you  
but the way you take it that counts.

- I. Paul's defense of his character.** Acts 23:1-5
- A. Striving to maintain a clear conscience. 23:1
  - B. Repenting for a loss of composure. 23:2-5
- II. Paul's defense of his theology.** 23:6-9
- A. Seizing the initiative. 23:6
  - B. Dividing the house. 23:7
  - C. Providing theological clarification. 23:8
  - D. Garnering support from an unexpected quarter. 23:9
- III. Paul's protection by the Roman authorities.** 23:10
- CONCLUSION:** Paul receives reassurance from God. 23:11

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