

All Things to All Men

Acts 21:17-36

Battles we never want

Offense to Defense

Hearing G's work compels us to glorify Him (18-20)

He related things one by one

Tracing God's mighty grace in our lives

Good news & joy robbers (20-26)

Law-free gospel does not preclude all Jewish custom observance

= customary way of practice or behavior (ethos)

Some were WOKE and ready to go after Paul

Victories often find joy robbers lurking about

Jerusalem leaders and Paul agreed on:

Salvation by grace through faith in Christ, not law;

What Paul taught Gentile converts;

The importance of living a holy life.

Questions were about Jews who came to Christ:

Must they give up all Jewish ceremonial practice?

Plan: a purification vow

Paul has no problem being observant with Jewish custom where it did not compromise the gospel of grace.

Mob violence revisited (27-36)

The best laid strategies sometimes fail.

Paul enters a Christ-like experience.

It's amazing how blind we can be to our own hypocrisy.

Even when it seems things spin out of control, the hand of God remains on the levers of our story.

Confidence comes by living in truth and trusting God to bring about the result.

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