

The Non-Conversion of Felix

Introduction:

- A. Tell of the perplexing problem of Frank, who fought against obedience to the gospel.
 - B. The book of Acts contains several cases of conversion, which illustrate the requirements of salvation. - Philippians 3:17
 - C. But it also contains some examples of non-conversion, which illustrate why many people are never saved. - Acts 24:24-27
 - D. Why was Felix never saved?
- I. It was not because he was too sinful.
- A. Indeed, Felix was a sinner.
 - 1. He was cruel and rapacious. -**International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**: 2.1105-6
 - 2. Although he had a knowledge of the truth, he had not acted upon it. - Acts 24:22
 - 3. He was living in open adultery. - Acts 24:24; cf. J.W. McGarvey, **New Commentary on Acts**. 239
 - B. But God was willing to save him, as He is you. - 1 Timothy 1:15
- II. It was not because Felix did not have an opportunity to be saved.
- A. He heard Paul concerning “the faith in Christ.” - Acts 24:24; Galatians 1:11-12,23; Romans 1:16
 - B. Paul reasoned (The gospel appeals to man’s intellect.). - Acts 24:25
 - 1. righteousness (rightness, justice) to a man of cruel injustice - Romans 1:17; 10:10; 6:3-4, 17-18
 - 2. temperance (self-control) to a man of unbridled lust - Acts 3:19
 - 3. judgment to come to a man in danger of hell - 2 Corinthians 5:10
- III. He remained lost because of his attitude toward the gospel. - Proverbs 4:23
- A. He looked for what could never come, “a convenient season.” - Acts 24:25; Matthew 16:24
 - B. He valued money above his soul. - Acts 24:26; Matthew 16:26-27
 - C. He desired to please men. - Acts 24:27
- Conclusion:
- A. Felix’s “convenient season” never came. - Acts 24:27; cf. McGarvey. 241-2.
 - B. The words of Felix and Agrippa stand as grim reminders of the futility of delay. - Acts 24:25; 26:28
 - C. Please, do not follow them. - Acts 26:29