

IV. To be convinced:

- A. By faith of who Christ is, what He did and what He promises (Acts 24:24; Romans 5:1-2, 9-10, 17; Acts 16:30-31).

- B. Of your lack of righteousness and your need of Christ's perfect righteousness (Acts 24:15; Romans 3:22; 3:10-23; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Romans 5:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

- C. Of your sinful lack of self-control morally (Acts 24:25).

- D. Of your day of coming judgment from God against you (Acts 24:25; John 5:24-29).

V. To realize failure to respond in faith is to objectively reject Christ (Acts 24:26-27; John 3:18).

- *“Truths not acted upon can harden us so that we cannot understand them.” [R. Kent Hughes] (Matthew 13:12-13). The more you delay obedience, the more distracted and insensitive you will become.*
- *Going to church, being baptized, or having Christian parents does not make you a Christian. It just adds to your eternal condemnation for not humbly coming to Christ by faith alone.*
- *Are you holding out on being saved because of what other people might think about you more than what God thinks?*
- *The issue is not that there is a convenient time, but the importance of, by faith, making a time to acknowledge your sinfulness and need to completely rely on Christ to permanently save you (Luke 12:16-20; 2 Corinthians 6:2).*