



## Acts – The Church on Fire

### What things make or help Christians and God's Church to be on fire for Him?

#### Chapter Twenty Three

Verse(s)	Point
1	<b>1.</b> A Christian on Fire must be able to say that they have lived with a clear conscience. They must live honestly, sincerely, and without being a hypocrite. A Christian on Fire must show respect to the law and their leaders.
2	<b>2.</b> A Christian on Fire must expect that our righteous living will bother those who do not live godly lives. We are a reminder to them of their sin(s).
3	<b>3.</b> A Christian on Fire must expect that even though there may be laws in place that give us rights that the devil will use people to twist those laws or to even ignore them to hurt us. We cannot rely on any man made things to protect us. We need to only rely on God. We need to also be careful about our temper and what we say to others. We need to show respect. Although Paul was right about what he proclaimed. He did not respond the way Christ did when faced with his accusers.
4 - 5	<b>4.</b> A Christian on Fire will recognize when they have done wrong. It is possible that Paul's thorn in his flesh was poor eye sight and therefore he did not know he had insulted the High Priest. A Christian on Fire will know God's Word. As Paul knew that he was not to speak evil of the High Priest.
6 - 8	<b>5.</b> A Christian on Fire will analyze the situation they are in. Paul recognized he was in the midst of both Pharisees and Sadducees and decided his best defense was to split his audience using their own personal views. He knew as a whole they would rule against him, but if he could divide, he might conquer.
8	<b>6.</b> A Christian on Fire will know or try to find out their audiences spiritual views. When Jesus walked the Earth and when the church first began the Pharisees were in control of the Sanhedrin Council. By the time Paul was on his missionary journeys there had been a change in power in the Sanhedrin. Now there were more Sadducees in control. The Pharisees believed in the Resurrection and the Sadducees did not (That is why they were "Sad U See"). So Paul recognized that he had a tougher audience now to deal with. Since he preached a resurrected Christ.
9 - 10	<b>7.</b> A Christian on Fire's wise use of words will reap benefits. The Pharisees reacted the way Paul had hoped. Their spiritual view of Resurrection being real swayed them to fight against the Sadducees. As a result the Roman soldiers had to pull Paul out of the midst of the Sanhedrin to protect him.
11	<b>8.</b> A Christian on Fire will be comforted in times of great trial by the Lord. The Lord came and physically stood by Paul to encourage him on in his mission. The road ahead would be tough for Paul and lead to his death, but the Lord gave him something to cling on to in those times.
12 - 15	<b>9.</b> A Christian on Fire must accept that the devil will not give up on harassing them or seeking to harm them when they are following the Lord. Trouble will be a part of our lives. We must remain strong and faithful no matter what comes against us.
16 - 35	<b>10.</b> A Christian on Fire will have help from those around him/her or the Lord, himself, directly. Whether it be spiritual comfort or physically being spared harm. They may even be find protection and defense from those they least expect it. The Romans protected Paul and sent him to a higher court with a letter of defense.