

## “FELIX WAS AFRAID”

### INTRODUCTION

**A. Acts 21:10-14**

Agabus prophesied that Paul would be imprisoned in Jerusalem.

**B. Acts 21:27-33**

The prophecy was fulfilled in short order.

**C. Acts 24:24-25**

As a prisoner, Paul found himself incarcerated in Caesarea, where Felix, the governor, *“heard him concerning the faith in Christ.”*

### I. “RIGHTEOUSNESS”

**A. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:34**

Righteousness must be awakened unto.

1. Doing so requires abstinence from sin.
2. Doing so requires knowledge of God.

**B. Romans 1:16-17**

Righteousness is revealed in the gospel.

**C. Ephesians 6:14**

Righteousness must be used to protect the heart.

**D. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:11**

Righteousness must be pursued.

**E. 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:7**

We cannot be righteous without doing the works of righteousness.

**F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:8**

Righteousness has rewards.

### II. “SELF-CONTROL”

- A. **Galatians 5:22-23**  
Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit.
- B. **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5-9**  
Self-control must be added to our faith.
- C. **Titus 1:7-8**  
Self-control is a necessary characteristic of a bishop in the church.
- D. **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:25**  
Self-control is required in order to gain a reward.

### III. "THE JUDGMENT TO COME"

- A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:10**
  - 1. **Revelation 20:12**  
No one will escape judgment.
  - 2. **John 5:22**  
Christ will do the judging.
- B. **Mark 13:32**  
No one knows when the judgment will take place.
  - 1. **Acts 17:30-31**  
Nevertheless, an appointment has already been made for it.
  - 2. **Hebrews 9:27**  
The appointment follows death.
  - 3. **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:7**  
A reservation has already been made at that time to destroy earth.

### CONCLUSION

- A. You've now heard three articles of faith in Christ (**Acts 24:24**).
  - 1. Don't be afraid, as Felix was (**Acts 24:25**).
  - 2. Don't dismiss what you've heard, like he did (**Acts 24:25**).
- B. Instead, obey!

1. Be righteous.
2. Control yourself.
3. Prepare for judgment!