

## Chapter 22

*Being licenſed by the Tribune to ſpeake to the people, he ſheweth them that he was once as earneſt on that ſide as they now be: 6. and how ſtrange and miraculous his conuerſion was. 17. They heare him quietly vntil he began to make mention of a viſion that ſent him away from them to the Gentils. 22. Then they crie out vpon him ſo, 23. that for their crying the Tribune commandeth him to be ſcourged. 25. Which yet by his wiſedom he eſcapeth.*

**M**en Brethren and Fathers, heare what account I doe render now vnto you. <sup>2</sup> (And when they had heard that he ſpake to them in the Hebrew tongue, they did the more keep ſilence. *Act. 21, 39.* <sup>3</sup> And he ſaith:) I am a man a Iewe, borne at Tarſus in Cilicia, but brought vp in this citie, at the feet of Gamaliel inſtructed according to the veritie of the law of the Fathers, an emulatour of the Law as alſo al you are *Act. 8, 3.* this day: <sup>4</sup> who perfecuted this way vnto death, binding & deliuering into cuſtodies men & women, <sup>5</sup> as the high Prieſt doth giue me teſtimonie, and al the Ancients. *Act. 9, 1.* <sup>6</sup> Of whom receiuing letters alſo to the Brethren, I went to Damafcus, that I might bring them thence bound to Hieruſalem, to be puniſhed. <sup>7</sup> And it came to paſſe as I was going, and drawing nigh to Damafcus at mid-day, ſodenly from Heauen there ſhone round about me much light: <sup>8</sup> and falling on the ground, I heard a voice ſaying to me: Saul, Saul, why perfecuteſt thou me? <sup>9</sup> And I answered: Who art thou Lord? And he ſaid to me: I am IESVS of Nazareth, whom thou perfecuteſt. <sup>10</sup> And they that were with me, ſaw the light indeed, but the voice they heard not of him that ſpake with me. <sup>11</sup> And I ſaid: What ſhal I doe Lord? And our Lord ſaid to me: Ariſe and goe to Damafcus; and there it ſhal be told thee of al things that thou muſt doe. <sup>12</sup> And whereas I did not ſee for the brightneſſe of that light, being led of my companions by the hand, I came to Damafcus.

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Act. 7, 38.

<sup>13</sup> And one Ananias, a man according to the Law, hau-  
ing teftimonie of al the Iewes inhabitants, <sup>14</sup> comming to  
me, and ftanding by me, faid to me: Brother Saul, looke  
vp. And I the felf-fame houre looked vpon him. <sup>15</sup> But  
he faid: The God of our Fathers hath preordained thee,  
that thou fhouldeft know his wil, and fee the Iuft one,  
and heare a voice from his mouth: <sup>16</sup> becaufe thou fhalt  
be his witnes to al men, of thofe things which thou haft  
feen and heard. <sup>17</sup> And now what tarieft thou? Rife vp,  
and be baptized, and <sup>a</sup>)wafh way thy finnes inuocating  
his name. <sup>18</sup> And it befel me returning into Hierufalem,  
and praying in the Temple, that I was in a trance, <sup>19</sup> and  
faw him faying vnto me: Make haft, and depart quick-  
ely out of Hierufalem: becaufe they wil not receiue thy  
teftimonie of me. <sup>20</sup> And I faid: Lord, they know that I  
did caft into prifon and beat in euery Synagogue them  
that beleued in thee. <sup>21</sup> And when the bloud of Steuen  
thy Witnes was fhed, <sup>b</sup>)I ftood by and confented, and  
kept the garments of them that killed him. <sup>22</sup> And he  
faid to me: Goe, for into the Gentils a farre wil I fend  
thee.

<sup>23</sup> And they heard him vntil this word, and they  
lifted vp their voice, faying: Away with fuch an one  
from the earth: for it is not meet he fhould liue. <sup>24</sup> And  
when they cried out, and threw of their garments, and  
caft duft into the aire, <sup>25</sup> the Tribune commanded him  
to be caried into the caftel, and to be beaten with whips,  
& that he fhould be tormented: to know for what caufe  
they did fo crie at him. <sup>26</sup> And when they had bound

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<sup>a</sup> The Sacrament of Baptifme doth it felf wash away finnes as here  
is plaine, & therfore doth not only fignifie (as the Heretikes af-  
firme) that our finnes be forgiuen before, or otherwife by faith  
only remitted. Wherby the Churches doctrine is proued to be  
fully agreeable to the Scriptures, that the Sacraments giue grace  
*ex opere operato*, that is, by the force & vertue of the worke and  
word, done & faid in the Sacrament.

<sup>b</sup> Not only the Principals, but al that confent to the death or vex-  
ation of Chriftian men for the Catholike faith, doe highly offend:  
which the Apoftle confeffeth here, that Gods mercie may be more  
notoriously glorified in him hereby.

him very ftraight with thongs, Paul faith to the Centurion ftanding by him: Is it lawful for you to whip a man that is a Roman and vncondemned? <sup>27</sup> Which the Centurion hearing, went to the Tribune, and told him, faying: What wilt thou doe? for this man is a citizen of Rome. <sup>28</sup> And the Tribune comming, faid to him: Tel me, art thou a Romane? But he faid: Yea. <sup>29</sup> And the Tribune anfwered: I obtained this citie with a great fumme. And Paul faid: But I was alfo borne to it. <sup>30</sup> Immediatly therfore they departed from him that were to torment him. The Tribune alfo feared after he vnderftood that he was a citizen of Rome, and becaufe he had bound him. <sup>31</sup> But the next day meaning to know more diligently for what caufe he was accused of the Iewes, he loofed him, and commanded the Priests to come together and al the Councel: & bringing forth Paul, he fet him among them.

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