Persuasion

Acts 26:34-29

Persuasion Defined

- www.dictionary.com – (verb)
- To prevail on a person to do something, as by advising or urging
- To induce to believe by appealing to reason or understanding; convince

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- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance – (verb) *peitho*
- To persuade, i.e. to induce one by words to believe
- (be) to suffer one's self to be persuaded; to be induced to believe; to have faith; in a thing
  o To believe
  o To be persuaded of a thing concerning a person

Essential to Produce Faith

- **Acts 9:22** – Saul of Tarsus confounded the Jews
- **Acts 17:4** – In Thessalonica many persuaded
- **Acts 17:17** – Paul reasoned of the truth in the synagogue
- **Acts 19:8ff** – At Ephesus Paul spoke for three months, two years at the school of Tyrannus
- **Acts 24:25** – Paul reasoned of righteousness, self-control, and judgment

The Facts

- Text - Acts 2:22-24
1) Jesus of Nazareth (verse 22)
  ➢ Approved of God
  ➢ They were witnesses
2) He was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God (verse 23)
  ➢They (Jewish entity) crucified and slew him

The Facts

3) God raised Him from the dead (verse 24)
  ➢Loosed the pangs of death
  ➢He could not be held by it

The Evidence

- Acts 2:25-36

1) David's prophecy of His resurrection (verses 25-31)
  ➤David is dead
2) The witness and testimony of the apostles (verse 32)
  ➤Crowning point (Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:1ff)
3) The pouring forth of the Holy Spirit (verses 33-36)
  ➤Taught in languages they never studied

Individual and Personal

- John 4
- Verses 39-42 – Those who the Samaritan woman taught were convinced based on personal investigation
- Acts 17:11 – Bereans searched daily

Are You Persuaded?

- The Bible makes a solid case for the Christ
- He was sent by God, rejected of men, crucified and buried, raised from the dead, and now reigns at God's right hand in Heaven
- Are you convinced based on the evidence provided?
- Why not take action tonight?