

HOW FALSE RELIGION PROTECTS ITSELF
Acts 21:27-32

INTRODUCTION:

- A. True religion has a promise of perpetuity
 - 1) Jesus said so Matthew 16:18
 - 2) He said so again Matthew 28:20

- B. False religion has no such promise
 - 1) It is left to the wisdom of man
 - 2) It must protect itself
 - 3) We may see some methods in these verses

I. False Religion Stirs Up The People vs. 27

- A. These legalists never forget a face
 - 1) The seven days were, "almost ended"
 - 2) The Asian Jews saw him in the temple
 - 3) "this is the man", They had prior knowledge

- B. "...stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him"
 - 1) "stirred" = sugcheo = "to pour together", "to confuse
throw into confusion", "put in an uproar"
 - 2) Error rarely thrives in calmness
 - 3) "laid" = epiballo = "to place upon", "to seize"

II. False Religion Perverts True Teaching vs. 28a

- A. "Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that
teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the
law, and this place:"
 - 1) "crying" = krazo = onomatopoetic , "The cry of a
raven" Hence to cry out from fear or pain.
 - 2) "help" = boetheo = "to come to the rescue", As if an
outrage has been committed, such as murder.

- B. What is this outrage?
 - 1) He preaches against the Jewish people
 - 2) He preaches spiritual apostasy
 - 3) He attacks the Temple

- C. Have you heard, "What Baptists teach?"
 - 1) "you have to be a Baptist to go to heaven"
 - 2) "you can sin all you want to"
 - 3) "no one will be in heaven but Baptist"

III. False Religion Gives a False Interpretation of Incidents
For Its Own Purpose vs. 28b

- A. "and further brought Greeks also into this temple, and hath polluted this holy place"
 - 1) This is a statement that bears the weight of first-hand knowledge, eyewitness. They do not attach doubt or uncertainty.
 - 2) "polluted" = koinoo = "to make common", "to communicate with others", "to defile ceremonially"
 - 3) This man has committed an act worthy of death
- B. (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into temple)
 - 1) They had seen Paul with a gentile
 - 2) They "supposed" that Paul had brought him into the temple. nomizo = "to regard as customary", "to assume"
- C. People and places of history
 - 1) Donatists ate babies, so it is said by the Priests. The explanation given for the AnaBaptist closed communion.
 - 2) The Munster Riots. Karl Kautsky
 - 3) Baptist were Polygamists

IV. False Religion Exaggerates An Incident To Make Themselves
Look Watchful vs. 30

- A. They issued a city-wide warning
 - 1) "And all the city was moved"
"moved" = kineo = "to set in motion"
 - 2) "and the people ran together"
- B. They dragged him out of the temple
 - 1) "and drew him out of the temple"
"drew" = helko = "to draw", "to drag"
- C. They shut the temple doors
 - 1) "and forthwith the doors were shut"
 - 2) "shut" = kleio = "to shut", "to close"

V. False Religion Will Use Physical Violence vs. 31-32

- A. They planned to kill Paul
 - 1) "And as they went about to kill him"
 - 2) "kill" = apokteino = "to kill outright"
- B. They beat him vs. 32
 - 1) "they left beating of Paul"
 - 2) "beating" = tupto = "to strike", "smite"

VI. False Religion is True Religion's Worst Enemy

A. False churches were begun by Satan during Apostolic times

- 1) Matthew 13:36
- 2) II Corinthians 11:13 - This is not prophecy concerning the last days.

B. False religions teach some truth

- 1)
- 2)

