

**Paul and Felix, the Roman Governor;
Trial Two (Part I): What Real Worship Is
Acts 24: 14–21**

**1 Paul confesses only one thing:
A genuine worship of God**

- a. By approaching God through “The Way”
- b. By believing the Scriptures
- c. By hoping for the resurrection
- d. By striving for a pure conscience

2 Paul had come for only one purpose: To bring gifts

- a. He had been unjustly attacked by Asian Jews who were not there to accuse him
- b. He had been unjustly tried by the Jewish council

**3 Paul, guilty of only one thing:
Proclaiming the resurrection**

14 “However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,

15 and I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

16 So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

17 After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings.

18 I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance.

19 But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me.

20 Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin —

21 unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: ‘It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.’ ”