

Was King Agrippa Partially Convinced Or Being Sarcastic?

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, In Acts 26:28, was Agrippa partially convinced or was he being sarcastic? The Greek in question is “en oligos.” Some translate this as “in a short time” while others translate this as “almost.”

Looking at Acts 26:28 in the American Standard Version – 1901 and from the below sources, this writer is convinced that Agrippa was at least partially convinced of becoming a Christian. The American Standard Version of 1901 renders the text in Acts 26:28 ASV as:

“And Agrippa said unto Paul, With but little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian.” A footnote reads, “Or, In a little time thou....”

Outside influences affected King Agrippa’s decision not to render obedience to the gospel of Christ. However, what those influences were would be sheer speculation. In his commentary, Albert Barnes lists some possibilities.

Regarding Acts 26:28, Brother Wayne Jackson makes the following comments in his article, entitled, “Who Is A Christian?”:

“Later when pressed with evidence for the validity of the Christian system, Herod Agrippa II said: “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28 KJV). The King James Version suggests a man who is wrestling with his conscience. Others think the ruler’s remark is cynical: “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” (NIV). Perhaps the truth is somewhere between the two. The king’s comment may reflect a respectful evasion.”

No matter what King Agrippa’s intent or attitude was in his response to Paul, one thing is clear. Paul desired that not only Agrippa, but all men become Christians as he was “except these bonds” (Acts 26:29). Let this be our consuming desire as well, doing what Matthew 28:19-20 directs us to do.



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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson
Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford
Sermon- Don DeLukie

July 7th

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Communion- Paul Simpson **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
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Announcements

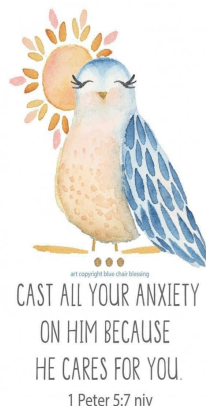
—**Gospel Meetings:** Check the bulletin board in the foyer for several upcoming Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Question & Answer Series:** Tonight is our next Question & Answer Series. Give your questions to Don or bring them with you.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

To our Sterlington family-
Thank you to everyone for all the
prayers for our grandson Brigg. He is
still undergoing surgeries and having
great pain. Please keep praying!

-Don and Jean DeLukie



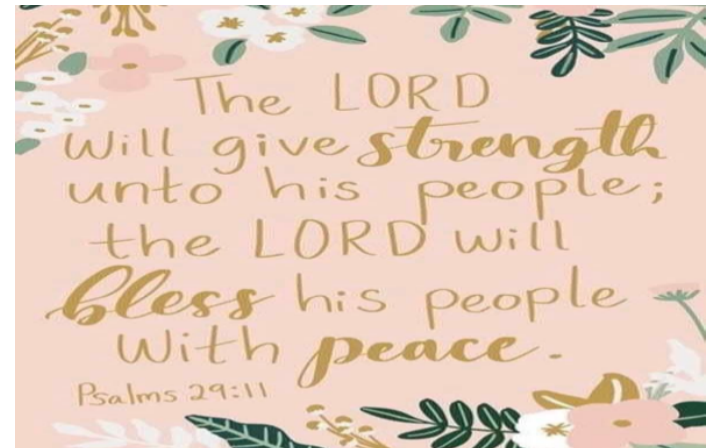
Please Pray For:

Ronnie White, Jerry McDonald, Carol Granger, Brigg DeLukie, Charlotte Martin, Kathy Gilbert, Ruth Parks, Michael Grenfell, Junior Looney, Tommy Franklin, Phillip Simmons, Ed Haltom, Roger Love, Louvenia Dickson.

Bereaved: Families of David Reed, Jeanie Hollis Taylor, Robert Chisley, Barbara Traywick, Walt Henson, Nancy Marsh, Trisha Muse, Julie Williams.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



June birthdays

10 -Sharon Harris	20 -Debbie Grice
12 -Rachel Rogers	21 -Ashton Richardson
15 -Jesse Sewell	22 -Kara Freeman
16 -Victor Binford	22 -Damien Miller
16 -Janice Hayes	25 -Don Delukie

June Anniversaries

17 -Brandon & Sydney Rogers
28 -Arthur & Cybil Binford

