

The DNA of a Christian Acts 26

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What do a human, a rose, and a bacterium have in common? Each of these things — along with every other organism on Earth — contains the molecular instructions for life, called **deoxyribonucleic acid** or **DNA**. Encoded within this DNA are the directions for traits as diverse as the color of a person's eyes, the way in which bacteria infect a lung cell, and predict longevity and susceptibility to disease. DNA always tells one thing definitively- the gender, male or female is the first revelation when the testing is complete. A lot can be told about ancestry through DNA.

DNA is found in nearly all living cells.

After listening to Paul in Acts 26 vs 2-23, Agrippa never said I want to become an NFL fan, a truck driver, a Muslim, a Baptist...but a CHRISTIAN. He must have heard the definition of a Christian and it appealed to him. There is no reason to believe beforehand he had ever an idea of what a Christian was. He was not a church goer nor religious zealot. Worldly man, most likely. But after he heard Paul speak these many things, he said “I want to be one of those.” “Just for a little I would become one.” “You have convinced me to be one, almost”

Many saved people, but few Christians. This is a shame. Christians are difference makers. Christians are gamechangers.

If you know even one Christian, you are fortunate. If you have a Christian neighbor, co-worker, supervisor, you are blessed.

Many say they are saved. But if we could observe a few days of their life, it would be known whether or not they are a Christian. If we could take a cell from their life and place it under the microscope of Acts chapter 26, what would be the result?

The DNA of a Christian...

1 has had an experience vs 13-15

2 Has a witness for Christ vs 16

3 has something to show others vs 20 “have you ever made a change?”

II Cor 5:17

Covenants

4 goes to church vs 21

5 is unpopular vs 21

Drinking is popular, social media is popular, but being a Christian will never win you recognition in this life. Man-of-the-year.

Teacher of the year. Player of the year.

Christian of the?? No recognition.

6 believes the Bible, including the Gospel message of death, burial, resurrection. vs 22

Agrippa saw something in the Apostle Paul’s DNA.

IF I could choose on word to describe a Christian, it would be “different.”