

# THE 4 WANTS

Acts 26

## Part 3

### **“YOU WANT FORGIVENESS”**

*And it's only found in Christ*

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For the past few weeks we have been looking at four points in Paul's preaching, four areas of deep need or want that are only answered in Christ. Like a master painter, the great apostle surrounds each subject with appropriate shading and an eye for detail.

This is especially true when speaking of forgiveness. In Acts 26 Paul, not content to hand us a “stick figure” picture, begins to paint: First the dark background of sin; then, in the foreground, the cross; and finally with shackles broken, tears streaming — the prisoner ... set free!

## QUICK REVIEW

### 4 Wants Described by Paul

- **Connection**
- **Purpose**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Proof**

## COMPLETE FORGIVENESS

- Paul's main message had four elements:
  1. The Full **Flame** of **Hope**
    - The **Gospel** takes us from **darkness** to light.
  2. The **Feeling** of **Freedom**
    - The Gospel transports us from Satan's **slave house** to God's **kingdom**.
  3. The Fresh **Flower** of **Forgiveness**
    - The Gospel announces: "Full **payment** ... full **pardon** ... **forever!**"
    - Note: Forgiveness is **sweeter** when it is **recognized** (repentance).

#### 4. The **Fellowship** of a Family with a **Future**

- The Gospel takes us from **spiritual poverty** to all the **resources** of heaven.

**WRAP**

- Forgiveness is a universal **offer** made by **Christ**.
- Your **message** will reflect your **faith**.