

# *What Does the Bible Say?*

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## **An Apostle Reasons With A Politician**

The Apostle Paul had an opportunity to present a defense of the gospel and teach a man who was a political leader named Felix in Acts 24:25. Notice what Paul said to Felix: "Now as he reasoned about **righteousness**, **self-control**, and the **judgment to come**, Felix was afraid and answered, 'Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.'" Notice what the Bible says about these topics.

- **Righteousness.** When Paul told Felix about righteousness he told him about the message revealed in the gospel. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the **righteousness** of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" (Romans 1:16-17)
- **Self-control.** Paul talked with Felix about what the Spirit of God will produce in our lives. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, **self-control**. Against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Judgment to Come.** Paul told Felix that he needed to be ready to stand before Jesus. "For we must all appear before the **judgment** seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)

We invite you to study with us from the Bible about these same things.

**Do you have a Bible question or comment?**

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**Sunday 9:45 am, 10:30 am, & 5:00 pm. Wednesday 7:00 pm**