

AN ANOINTED ASSEMBLY
continued (11-20-05)
Philippians 1:1-5, Acts 28:23-31
Addendum

I could not really gloss over the fact that there are two categories of people that are talked about by Paul. We see one displayed in our first Scripture reference in Philippians 1:1-5, and the both groups in Acts 28:23-31.

There are those who are sensitive and will hear, and those who are de-sensitized and will not hear or see. I want to closely examine the second passage [Acts 28: 25-27](#). Paul confirms that Isaiah was inspired by the Holy Ghost when he wrote: (*Verse 26*) “*Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive.*” “Hearing you shall hear” is in the future active voice as Isaiah is writing. The active voice is important perhaps here. The active voice represents the subject as the performer of the action. This is the same circumstance as “seeing you shall see.” “Shall not *understand*” is also seen as active voice. The KEY thing however is the word **understand**. This is not like oida (objective) or ginosko, (experiential), but rather a different word, suniemi (soon-ee'-ay-mee) meaning ; to put together, that is, (mentally) to comprehend. In other words, it's like you have the pieces to the puzzle, but even if it is a play-school puzzle, you just don't get it! The word *NOT* in this passage is an emphatic double negative, meaning “no way, never, will not..etc.”

This does not appear to be just this situation of “well you would like to get it but just can't.” This seems more like you won't allow yourself the desire for this thing.

Next, the last word in [verse 26](#) is *perceive*. This is oida or “awareness or knowledge.” So together the passage states you have no awareness or desire to put it together. Well, was this done to them or is it a result of their own attitudes? Probably both, and the both is important.

[Verse 27](#) may give some strong reasons how this has happened to these folks. “*The hearts of this people have grown dull, or waxed gross,*” is in the passive voice as if it has happened to them. HOWEVER, “*their ears are hared of hearing, and their eyes they have closed*” is ALL active, the subject performing the action. And all of this is in a mood that is a *statement of fact* (indicative mood).

The second half of [verse 27](#) is really amazing. “Lest they should see with their *eyes and hear with their ears,*

Lest they should understand (put it all together) with their *hearts and turn.*” ALL of that is in the active voice and a mood called subjunctive. This is defined as: The mood of possibility, potentiality, or on the negative side, indefiniteness.

The last of [verse 27](#) “*So that I should heal them,*” or that HE should make them whole. Middle voice, not me doing it, still (subjunctive mood) in the realm of possibility, potentiality.

1. Are you hearing with the desire to “put it together” or comprehend what He is saying?

2. Are you seeing Him in a way that makes you aware of the “Christ of the Circumstances?”
3. Are you open to the possibility that He can make you whole today?

Do you feel His desire for you today? His heart to teach you to show you and to... know you?
We are in a critical time of crowding out other voices, so His sheep will know His voice.