

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
Acts of The Apostles – Chapter 28 Wrap Up
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Keyphrase: The Gospel continues, the church remains.

Acts 28:16 (KJV) *And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.*

I. Paul evangelizes Rome.

Acts 28:17-20 (KJV) *And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.*

A. Paul makes clear he is not there to either accuse the Jews, or defend himself.

Acts 28:21-22 (KJV) *And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.*

B. Roman Jews had not heard specifically of Paul, but had generally heard negatively of Christians.

Acts 28:23 (KJV) *And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*

C. Paul traces scripture to prove Jesus is the Messiah. Book, Chapter, Verse.

Acts 28:24 (KJV) *And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.*

D. The Gospel brings humanity to a decision point. Accept or Reject Jesus.

What is the only unforgivable sin? The permanent and final rejection of Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Mark 3:28-29 (KJV) Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

See other references: Mark 3:28–29, Matthew 12:31–32, and Luke 12:10, and 1 John 5:16

Acts 28:25-28 (KJV) And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

E. The saving Gospel of Jesus is offered and available to **ALL** who **hear** and **believe**.

Isaiah 6:9-12 (KJV) And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

Acts 28:29-31 (KJV) And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

F. The Great **Commandment** and **Commission** remains our assignment. Making Christ's Last Command our First Concern.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Luke doesn't tell us how Paul died, but that should be an indication to us that it is less important of how he died and more about how he lived.

Apostle Name	Places Witnessed	Manner of Death
Peter (Simon Peter)	Rome/Pope	Crucified (inverted)
James (Zebedee)	Local/Regional	Beheaded (Acts 12:1-3)
John (Zebedee)	Asia	Natural
Andrew	Local/Regional	Crucified
Phillip	Turkey (Laodicea)	Stoned/Crucified
Thomas	India	Spear
Bartholomew	India & Armenia	Crucified/Beheaded
Matthew	Ethiopia & Egypt	Spear
James (the Less)	Local/Regional	Crucified
Simon (The Zealot)	Africa & England	Crucified
Judas (Thaddeus)	Greece	Clubbed
Judas (Ischariot)	--	Suicide Hanging
Matthias	Judea/Colchis	Crucified/Beheaded
Paul (Saul)	*See Journeys	Beheaded

Chronological order of Paul's Epistles

Date	Epistle	Location of authorship	Journey
c. 48	Galatians	Antioch (uncertain)	2nd Journey
c. 49-51	1 Thessalonians	Corinth	2nd Journey
c. 49-51	2 Thessalonians	Corinth	2nd Journey
c. 53-55	1 Corinthians	Ephesus	3rd Journey
c. 55-56	2 Corinthians	Macedonia	3rd Journey
c. 57	Romans	Corinth	3rd Journey
c. 62	Ephesians	Rome	Prison Epistle
c. 62	Philippians	Rome	Prison Epistle
c. 62	Colossians	Rome	Prison Epistle
c. 62	Philemon	Rome	Prison Epistle
c. 62-64	1 Timothy	Macedonia	After Roman Release
c. 62-64	Titus	Nicopolis	After Roman Release
c. 64-67	2 Timothy	Rome	Reimprisoned by Nero

4 Stage Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Day of Pentecost	Acts 2	120 Upper Room	Jews Only
Samaritan Pentecost	Acts 8	Followup after Philip	Samaritans
Gentile Pentecost	Acts 10	Household of Cornelius	Gentiles
Ephesian Pentecost	Acts 19	Unified Church in Ephesus	Unified Believers