

Passage: Acts 15-28

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Discovered:

- Some were teaching must be circumcised to be saved. Paul & Barnabas went to Jerusalem to discuss.
- It was decided that the Gentiles wouldn't need circumcision. Need to abstain from idols, sexual immorality, what is strangled & blood. Judas, Silas, Paul & Barnabas sent to tell the Gentiles.
- Paul & Barnabas were to visit where they proclaimed Christ, but disagreed taking John Mark. Paul & Silas went to Syria & Cilicia.
- Timothy joins Paul & Silas @ Derbe. He was circumcised b/c mom was Jewish.
- They went through Phrygia & Galatia then Paul had a vision to go to Macedonia to teach the gospel.
- In Philippi, they converted Lydia.
- They were arrested, beaten & jailed for casting out a divination spirit from a girl (being used for money)
- That night there was an earthquake but they did not leave jail though free. They converted the jailer & he welcomed them into his home. They were released next day w/ apology for harming a Roman citizen.
- Paul & Silas taught in Thessalonica. Jews jealous & attacked house of Jason & brought before city officials.
- They went to Berea & converted many but forced to flee to Athens by Thessalonica Jews.
- Paul taught in Athens & some believed.
- Paul went to Corinth & worked as tentmaker w/ Aquila & Priscilla; tried to teach Jews but they refused so he taught the Gentiles for 18 months.
- Paul went through Ephesus to Caesarea to Antioch down through Galatia & Phrygia encouraging.
- Apollos taught in Ephesus & was further taught by Aquila & Priscilla. He became a great teacher who caused many to believe.
- Paul went through Ephesus baptizing in Holy Spirit. Spent 2 years teaching in Asia - Jews & Gentiles.
- 7 sons of Sceva (high priest) cast out using Jesus' name, they were attacked by evil spirit & God's name was praised. Many turned from their evil practices - magic arts.
- Demetrius & idol makers rioted against Paul for converting people to God, carrying away Timothy & Erastus. The town clerk was able to disperse them.
- Paul left & went to Macedonia, then Greece for 3 months then left for Macedonia after a plot to kill him.
- Paul raised Eutychus from dead after he fell out of a window.
- On his way to Jerusalem @ Miletus, Paul spoke w/ Ephesian elders, telling them persecution was coming
- On his way to Jerusalem, many tried to convince Paul not to go.
- Paul told James & elders @ Jerusalem all that had happened. Was told to purify himself & follow the Law at temple.
- During purification, Paul was spotted by Asia Jews & they demanded Paul be arrested, causing a huge uproar.
- Paul addressed the public in Hebrew, giving his testimony, but the crowd revolted.
- Tribune brought Paul before council, causing a divide btwn Sadducees & Pharisees - taken to Rome to testify.
- 40 Jews pledged not to eat or drink until they killed Paul. - Paul's nephew overheard & told tribune.
- Paul was sent to stand trial before Felix the governor (at night)
- High priest & Jews accused Paul of being a plague. Paul defended himself - they only found me purified in the temple. I worship & follow His law.
- Paul was kept in captivity for 2 years → Paul appealed to Festus to appear to Caesar.
- King Agrippa & Bernice arrived - wanted to hear from Paul reasons why he was imprisoned.
- Paul spoke of his testimony/conversion. All agreed there was no reason to imprison/kill him.
- Paul sailed for Rome - very difficult trip - bad weather & 14 day storm - angel told Paul all would survive.
- Crashed on Malta, survived snake bite. Paul healed chief's father & others - they were kind.
- After 3 months, sailed to Rome.
- Paul told Jews of Christ, some believed
- Paul lived in Rome 2 years, boldly teaching Gentiles of Christ.

Help me to remember:

Paul knew & understood that his arrest & appeal to Caesar would allow him to preach to Gentiles in Rome. God's plan is greater than my comfort.

Lord, I ask that

I am quiet so as to hear your voice.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...

Paul's passion for teaching of Christ & the gospel as a model for us.