

## LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

### LESSON 4: PAUL'S FINAL TRIPS & LEGACY

#### **2 Timothy 4:6–8 (NKJV)**

**6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

**7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

#### **FOUR THINGS THAT MATTERED MOST TO THE APOSTLE PAUL:**

1. Salvation by \_\_\_\_\_, rather than strict observance of the Law that he excelled at as a Pharisee.

#### **Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV)**

**8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

**9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

#### **Philippians 3:9 (NKJV)**

**9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, no matter what the threats, beatings, jailing, and stoning.

#### **Romans 1:16 (NKJV)**

**16** 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.

3. Being \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ -- totally surrendered -- not hanging on to his own life.

#### **Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)**

**20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

4. Knowing Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ -- in sufferings, in death, in resurrection -- knowing him in a way that surpasses everything!

#### **Philippians 3:10 (NKJV)**

**10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

#### **PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY: (Acts 18:23-21:17) circa AD 53-57**

1. Traveling Companions: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Destinations: \_\_\_\_\_, Western Asia Minor, Macedonia, and Achaia. The base of operations appears to have been \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Acts 19:10 (NKJV)**

**10** And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

3. Key Moments:
  - a. Paul found disciples of John the Baptist at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7)
    - i. Paul asked two important questions:
      1. "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"
      2. "How then were you baptized?"
    - ii. Paul understood that being a believer did not mean that you had automatically \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.
    - iii. Paul reiterates the fact that water baptism in \_\_\_\_\_ is essential by re-baptizing those disciples who had not be water baptized appropriately.
  - b. Paul experiences great revival in Asia and Ephesus.
  - c. Paul experienced great persecution in Asia and Ephesus:

### **2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (NKJV)**

**8** For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

**9** Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

**10** who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

### **1 Corinthians 15:32 (NKJV)**

**32** If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

- d. Paul raised Eutychus from the dead in Troas. (Acts 20:7-10)
- e. Paul is warned by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Acts 21:11-13 (NKJV)**

**11** When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

**12** Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.

**13** Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

f. Paul preaches in \_\_\_\_\_ and is arrested by the Romans.  
(Read Acts 21:30-34 & Acts 22:23-29)

**PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME:** (Acts 21:30-28:31)

**Acts 23:11 (NKJV)**

**11** But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

1. Paul Appealed to Caesar

**Acts 25:9–12 (NKJV)**

**9** But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?"

**10** So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know.

**11** For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

**12** Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

2. Trial before Herod Agrippa:

**Acts 26:1–2 (NKJV)**

**1** Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself:

**2** "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews,

**Acts 26:24–29 (NKJV)**

**24** Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"

**25** But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.

**26** For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

**27** King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

**28** Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

**29** And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

Agrippa was \_\_\_\_\_ !

3. Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ on his way to Rome: (Acts 27:1-4, 9-12, 21-26, 27-41)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ after leaving Fair Havens, the ship in which Paul was traveling was wrecked on the coast of Malta. (Acts 27:27-44)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ later Paul set sail for Rome again in a ship that had spent the winter at Malta (Acts 28:11).

4. Paul arrives at Rome:

- a. Paul arrived in Rome in the early part of A.D. 60.
- b. He was received by the saints and allowed to stay in a hired house for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 28:15-16 (NKJV)**

**15** And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

**16** Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

**Acts 28:30-31 (NKJV)**

**30** Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

**31** preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

- c. Paul even ministered to saints in Caesar's \_\_\_\_\_:

**Philippians 4:22 (NKJV)**

**22** All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

**PAUL'S DEATH:**

The NT does not report the outcome of his trial before Caesar. However, Eusebius wrote, "Tradition has it that after defending himself the Apostle was again freed to travel and preach, and coming a second time to Rome, he suffered \_\_\_\_\_ under Nero."

**PAUL'S LETTERS FROM ROME:**

- 1. The letters that Paul wrote during his Roman imprisonment are very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. During that period, according to the traditional view, he wrote \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (Possibly 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus)
- 3. Many personal references:
  - a. Paul repeatedly refers to Timothy as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Those at Philippi are referred to as his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 4:1 (NKJV)**

1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

c. Come before winter

**2 Timothy 4:21a (NKJV)**

21 Do your utmost to come before winter...

d. He laments the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 4:9–18 (NKJV)**

- 9 Be diligent to come to me quickly;
- 10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica—Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.
- 11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.
- 12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.
- 13 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.
- 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.
- 15 You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.
- 16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.
- 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.
- 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

**PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD'S GRACE:**

When we list the great accomplishments of Paul and read his bold declarations the is no doubt that he was a man of supreme \_\_\_\_\_, great \_\_\_\_\_, clarity of \_\_\_\_\_ and strong \_\_\_\_\_.

Yet, there is another side to him that sometimes gets overlooked:

- Paul confessed his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 2:3)
  - Do I not stumble? (2 Corinthians 11:29)
  - Am I not weak? (2 Corinthians 11:29)
  - We also are weak! (2 Corinthians 13:4)
- Paul admitted to being \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 11:27)
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 4:8)
- He called himself \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 7:24)

Paul was a man of great weakness. He was not the superhero some may think. Did he accomplish and endure great things? Yes. However, it was not without struggle!

Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh

**2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NKJV)**

**7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

**8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

**9** And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Paul's key to success was remaining dependent on Christ's strength.