

INTRODUCTION

- * This is the final message in this series on the book of Acts. As we have considered "The Acts of the Apostles," we have seen that it is more aptly titled "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." From the beginning, we have seen how the Holy Spirit empowered and filled the servants of God to distribute the message of redemption through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
- * It is appropriate then, that the book should close with a testimony of Paul's evangelistic ministry in Rome.
- * Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen how God sovereignly oversaw Paul's travel to the city of Rome.
- * Today, that journey is finalized. This is Luke's final statement regarding the pattern of Paul's ministry and the faithfulness of God to truly send the gospel message to the "ends of the earth."

INSTRUCTION

I. PAUL'S P_____ TO ROME (v. 11-16)

A. The Ship

B. The Route

C. The Blessing

II. PAUL'S P_____ TO THE JEWS (v. 17-29)

A. His Appeal to C_____

B. His Appeal for C_____

1. HIS E_____

- a. Concerning the Hope of Israel (v. 20; cf. 23:6; 24:15; 26:6-9)
- b. Concerning the Kingdom of God
 - i. FROM THE L_____ AND THE P_____ (v. 23)
 - ii. FROM THE M_____ TO THE E_____ (v. 23)
 - iii. FROM THE J_____ TO THE G_____ (v. 25-28)

2. THEIR R_____ (v. 24-25, 29)

III. PAUL'S P_____ AFTERWARD (v. 16, 30-31)

A. His S_____ (v. 16, 30)

B. His H_____ (v. 30)

C. His M_____ (v. 31)

1. HE HERALDED THE K_____ (cf. Matthew 3:2; 4:17)
2. HE TAUGHT THE T_____ (cf. Matthew 28:19-20)

D. His L_____ (v. 31)

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you willing to talk to anyone who will listen - about the Kingdom of God?
- * What is the heart of your message?
- * Have you accepted God's gift of salvation?
- * Do you trust YHWH to guide and protect you - in your life and your ministry?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we "grow" in our effectiveness of being willing to share the gospel with all who will listen?