

ACTS

Week 7

Acts 20:1 – 21:36



PAUL'S PASSION TO FOLLOW JESUS

Acts 20: 1 - 21:26

The Gospel According to Luke

Birth Story of John & Jesus
John Prepares the Way
Baptism of Jesus
Holy Spirit Descends on Jesus
Ministry of Jesus Begins
Controversy with Pharisees

**"He set his
face to go to
Jerusalem"
Luke 9:51**

Comfort
Consistence
Confidence

Persecution
Crucifixion
Death
RESURRECTION

The Acts of the Apostles

**Jesus Prepares Disciples for
Witness
Holy Spirit Poured Out
The Church is Born
The Ministry of Apostles Begins
Persecution of Apostles**

**"Paul
resolved in
the Spirit...to
go to
Jerusalem."
Luke 19:21**

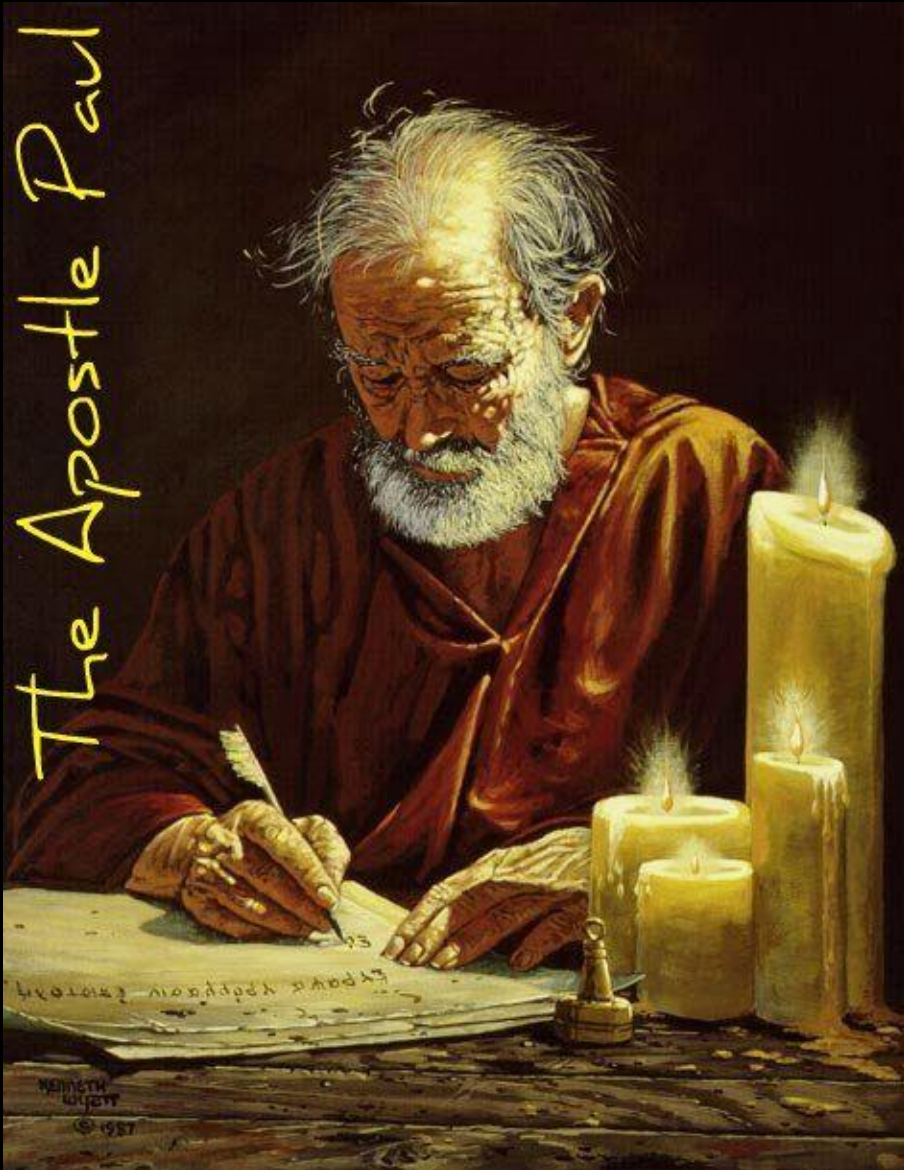
**Comfort
Consistence
Confidence**

**Persecution
Prison
Later Martyred
FUTURE RESURRECTION**

HEADING TO JERUSALEM

Acts 20: 24

..... if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."





Review Week 6 - Our God is Greater than Magic and Mobs



Paul's Third Missionary Trip

Main Purpose: *Encourage and Strengthen Churches*

Second Purpose: *Deliver Collection to Jerusalem*



"ALL WE WANT
ARE THE FACTS,
MA'AM."

Sargent Friday, Dragnet
1951-1959





Just the Facts

- "On the first day of the week"
- "gathered to break bread"
- "Paul talked with them"

COMFORTED the Disciples and Churches

Encourage: Parakaleo (Greek) Strong's g3870

To console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort

John 14:26

But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"



MAP 3
Paul's Third
Missionary Journey

CONSISTENT in Life and Ministry

In His Transparency

In His Integrity

In His Concerned Urgency



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CONFIDENT in His Faith

Philippians 4:8-11

.....not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, *but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith*

A Passion to Follow Jesus

- Paul was COMFORTING in his missionary journeys. (Acts 20:1-16)
 - Encouraging disciples and churches
- Paul was CONSISTENT in his life and ministry. (Acts 20: 17-38)
 - Transparency in his life
 - Integrity in his message
 - Concerned Urgency for the church
- Paul was CONFIDENT in his faith in Christ (Acts 21:1-36)
 - A righteousness not from the law but from faith in Christ

A Passion to Follow Jesus

What does that look like for us?

- Who am I COMFORTING (encouraging) in my community?
- Is my daily life CONSISTENT with my faith?
- Where does my CONFIDENCE come from?

- What areas might the Holy Spirit be pointing to in your life?
- How urgent is your passion to follow Christ?

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