

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Rosalinda Rendon 13 BJ/Brett Kilby
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

5 Jerry & Patricia Harvey
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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 16

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 38 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 14

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 7

OFFERING: \$2,154

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Welcome to the
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Sermon

**Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 39**

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 6:00 PM (NEW TIME)

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

..... *Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church – Part 39*

-Paul has returned to Jerusalem in 58 A.D. after spending some three years in Ephesus and surrounding regions. He has just been mobbed in the temple grounds by all the Jews who wrongfully accused him of bringing Gentiles into the temple courts. Paul is given the opportunity to speak to the Jews and he related to them his former way of life and his conversion story, with these actual events being his "testimony" of what happened. He has just informed them that he was blinded by Jesus, had his vision restored when he was visited by Ananias (a Christian) and he was told that he needed to be baptized and have his sins washed away, "calling on the Name of the Lord," the only place in the New Testament where we are told how to do this in the Christian age.

Chapter 22 Verses 17-22

Acts 9:26-30, 10:28, 15:2 & Gal. 2:2 & Isa. 11:10/Rom. 15:12 & Amos 9:11-12/Acts 15:17 (Paul was sent away according to God's instructions, not man's, similar to how there is a misunderstanding of who it was that sent Paul back to Jerusalem as they discussed Gentiles becoming Christians. Speaking of Gentiles, we see just how serious the Jews were about not wanting anything to do with non-Jews, and how badly they did not want to share their God with them. This has even caused some of what was written in the Old Testament to be changed over time to exclude the Gentiles from God, but God knew those changes would happen and saved the correct version of what His Word said in the New Testament.)

Verses 23-29

Acts 16:22-23, 37-39, 9:15 & Est. 4:14 (Under the Valerian and Porcian laws of the Roman empire, those who put Roman citizens in chains or other "degrading punishments" such as whipping or scourging, could be scourged or killed for it. Here we see God using the laws of the local land to keep His people safe, and how God's people should use the legal avenues provided to them when dealing with the godless world, since God may have directed protections to be put in place for that exact reason. This is also part of how God was crafting Paul, and the details of his life, into the perfect tool for Him to send to the Gentiles and build the faith abroad by putting him in these situations to serve, which Paul honored by doing what was called on Him by God to do, knowing he had been put in these circumstances for His glory.)

Verses 22:30-23:10

Lev. 19:15-18 & Exo. 22:28 & John 12:9-11 (Paul understands that if these men are putting him on trial for "violating the Law of Moses," and have no problem violating it themselves while they do it, this will not be a fair trial or justice, and makes a statement that he, as a former Pharisee, knew would cause the entire court to devolve into chaos so that he could be removed.)

Chapter 23 Verses 11-35

Rom. 8:28 & Est.4:14 & John 12:9-11 & Deut. 23:21-23 (Paul's nephew *just so happened to overhear all these plans so he could tell the commander*. This was God placing him in the right place and right time to overhear them, but then the boy needed to do the right thing, be brave, and tell those in authority or God putting him there *would have been wasted*. All of these men who vowed to not eat or drink until they killed Paul should have all died of starvation and thirst because they never killed him. Do we think that any of them took their vow before God seriously as they made it? Now we see just how illogical people being led by their emotions are, trying to put Paul on trial for breaking the Law of God, which he did not, and they are sinning against God as they try to do so!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

..... SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.
- There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.
- Please plan to attend our next potluck fellowship meal which is scheduled to follow morning worship on Sunday, April 5th!!
- ATTENTION: Wednesday evening Bible class – which now starts at 6:00 p.m. – will be canceled March 18th and 25th, resuming April 1st
- The next 5th Wednesday is April 29th. Any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.
- Looking for assistants and/or teachers to fill much needed roles in the children's Bible hour classes. If you can help, please see Heather.
- A new weekly Ladies Class, providing an introduction into Apologetics, is scheduled to start on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Chapter 24 Verses 1-9

Prov. 26:8, 29:5 & Psa. 12:1-3 & Col. 4:5-6 (The Bible records the smooth and flattering words of Tertullus for all time to keep this man in dishonor forever as he spoke against the servant of God, heavily laying on flattery because he did not have the facts or evidence to secure his position, with the Bible taking a very grim view of those who use flattery. Instead, Christians are instructed to let their words be seasoned "with grace" as if with salt, to all that they speak to, especially those outside the Church, so that we always give everyone the best chance of coming to the Truth, but never try to subvert justice in what we say.)

Verses 10-27

Matt. 13:1-23 & 2 Cor. 7:10-11 & 1 Cor. 2:14-15 (It is sad to see the account of Felix, who is the thorny soil, which could have grown a plant of faith, but wasted all his time and energy focusing on money and temporary things, as do many. He was frightened by what Paul said, but not frightened or believing enough to actually change any of it! This is because he is ultimately worldly-minded, not spiritually minded, a choice that he made and kept continuing to make by choosing to only think about this world and ignoring what he was taught about the life after this one.)

PRAY FOR



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Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)
Gary Bates (to resolve his VA benefits)
Adrienne Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)
Sandi Murie's niece, Lace (brain tumor)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson