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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 21

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 40 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 14

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 11

OFFERING: \$1788

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Welcome to the
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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church
Part 43***

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 43

-Paul had returned to Jerusalem in 58 A.D. where he was arrested by the local Jews. He spent two years in confinement under Antonius Felix before his case was heard under the next governor Porcius Festus. Although not convicted, Paul was not going to be released and appealed to go to Rome and speak to Caesar. Paul began his voyage in 60 A.D., one wracked with storms from the outset. Paul was not listened to about the ship being destroyed if they kept going, but God was using this so that the soldiers and sailors would listen to him later when it was time to run the ship aground and swim to the island of Malta. This also gave everyone involved the highest chance of listening to Paul when it came to the gospel as well.

Chapter 28

Verses 1-10

Mark 16:17-18 & Prov. 14:25, 16:25 & Jerm. 17:9 (God gave protection to Paul, one of the twelve chosen apostles, exactly as He promised that He would through the Word, so that it could be a sign for others to believe. We see the first thoughts and inclinations of the hearts of the Maltans go from first thinking that this was a sign he was a sinner that needed punished, to then a "god" who could survive such a thing. We see how misguided our thoughts are when none of them even asked why a "god" would even get bitten by a snake, nor ask HIM who he was or what instructions that he might have had for them if he truly was a god. We see again people wanting to follow how they want, as they gave them many "marks of respect," but it does not seem like they were listening and converting to what Paul would have preached, which is what he would have wanted far more! If all they did was give them gifts, they are all still going to die in their sins.)

Verses 11-16

Heb. 10:24-25 (Luke is still with Paul and is able to give eyewitness details to this account, validating the miraculous healings, snakebite, etc. that was also being recorded. We see an amazing picture of the Church, as Paul had never been to Rome (no apostle had), yet these Christians were opening their homes to them and taking care of their every need. It was roughly 30 miles from Rome to Three Inns inside of Italy, and roughly 45 miles from Rome to the Market of Appius. We see this mighty apostle, one of the twelve, and the greatest missionary who ever lived, take courage and thank the brethren who came to show their support to Paul. This shows us just how important it can be, even to the strongest Christians, to fellowship with their brethren, and one of the reasons that it is so important that God gives us the command to assemble at least once each week on the first day of the week. Not only are we sinning if we choose to miss this, we are harming ourselves as well by denying us these opportunities to be built up by our brethren.)

Verses 17-31

Rom. 1:16 & Matt. 13:1-23, 7:21-23 & Isa. 6:9-10 & Philip. 4:22 & Rom. 8:28 (Three is a symbolic number in the Bible representing "divine transformation." This trip of Paul's became transformed from a means of escape and protection from the Jews into a missionary trip. Thus, as the gospel always should be - and always was - introduced FIRST to the Jews who had been following God under the previous covenant and deserved the first shot at salvation, BEFORE it was then given to the non-Jews, "Gentiles," of the world. Even as Paul speaks to unbiased believers in God who all respected the Bible as God's Word, even then most of them would not choose to believe correctly so as to be saved. The parable of the sower and the

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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 invite guests to attend Sunday morning worship each week in May for the "Foundations of Our Faith" series. Food will be provided each week following worship, beginning with a potluck on Sunday, May 3rd!! (No April potluck today.)
- ATTENTION: Wednesday evening Bible class now starts at 6:00 p.m.!
- 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.
- Ladies Class, providing an introduction into Apologetics, is scheduled to continue on Saturday mornings through May; class begins at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

seeds shows us that this will always be this way, with only the very few choosing to believe and be saved, while the vast majority of people will be destroyed, regardless of how often they "attended some kind of church." Paul quotes Isaiah 6:9-10 correctly here, showing that the Jews choose to close their eyes and ears and not perceive what God is showing and telling them, which will keep God from saving them. Paul arrives to Rome in about 60/61 A.D. and sees Caesar in 62/63 A.D. This is Nero Caesar, of whom Paul converts members of his own household. In 64 A.D., Rome burns down, likely to a fire he intentionally set. Caesar will then blame a small unliked religious sect that he might have only heard about a year earlier, Christians, for the fire. Christians will be brutally persecuted by him and the Roman empire for the next 250 years. Yet, with this also spread Christianity around the world for almost three centuries as Christians ran from Romans and kept spreading the gospel. This, like all of Acts, shows us the truth of Romans 8:28, God working all things together for good for those that love Him and are called according to His purpose.)

PRAY FOR



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

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson