

Rome at Last!

Acts 28

Focus: to reveal God's sovereign faithfulness in bringing the gospel to the end of the earth (Rome) and to the nations



Paul's Journey to Rome

Discussion:

- Read the whole chapter, then read Acts 1:1-8. How does chapter 28 bring the book to a close?
- In verses 23-28, Paul warns the Jewish leaders of the judgment that awaits those who don't believe in Jesus as the Christ. Do you think that is important to share with non-believers? What makes that hard to do? How have you done that or seen that done wisely and lovingly?
- What emerges as Paul's great passion in the closing verses of this chapter? What does Luke leave preeminent on your mind by the way he closes the book?
- How is God using our church to accomplish the mission of Acts in spreading the gospel of Jesus to the nations?
- How do you think God wants you (and your family) to fit into that? What is your part?

We are not to look upon our sins as insignificant trifles. On the other hand, we are not to regard them as so terrible that we must despair. Learn to believe that Christ was given, not for picayune and imaginary transgressions, but for mountainous sins; not for one or two, but for all; not for sins that can be discarded, but for sins that are stubbornly ingrained. Practice this knowledge and fortify yourself against despair, particularly in the last hour, when the memory of past sins assails the conscience. Say with confidence: Christ, the Son of God, was given not for the righteous, but for sinners. If I had no sin I should not need Christ. No, Satan, you cannot delude me into thinking I am holy. The truth is, I am all sin... Because my transgressions are multiplied and my own efforts at self-justification rather a hindrance than a furtherance, therefore Christ the Son of God gave Himself into death for my sins.

To believe this is to have eternal life.

- Martin Luther

2014-2015 Acts Focus

To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.

