Allen Temple Baptist Church Sunday School Live

Sunday November 27, 2022 Fall Quarter Theme: A Living Faith

Unit 3: "What Does Faith Cost

Lesson Title: Paul Evangelized in Rome Text Acts: 28:23-31

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LESSON CONTEXT

Acts 28:1-31 Paul Evangelizes in Rome

Vs. 1-10. Paul arrives on the island of Malta & ministers to the inhabitants through prayer, laying hands & sick were healed.

Vs. 11-16 As Paul traveled to Rome, they met other evangelists in the city of Puteoli and were invited to stay with them for 7 days.

VS. 16 Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

Vs.17-22. Paul describes his case to the Jewish Leaders and is allowed to proceed as they have heard of his beliefs and want to hear more.

LESSON CONTEXT CONTINUED

LESSON GOALS

- 1. Identify ways we can tell resistant listeners about Christ.
- 2. Become CONFIDENT in our ability to share the Gospel of Christ to others.
- 3. Strengthen our knowledge to not take any rejection of Christ personally.

Questions & Review

- 1. What have we learned thus far about Paul's commitment to his Mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus?
- 2. What have we learned about Gods provision and protection when he sends us on an assignment?
- 3. How has this lesson series helped us develop our faith?

ACTS 28:23

23, After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening, he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

ACTS 28:24-25

²⁴ Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. ²⁵ So they disagreed with each other, and as they were leaving Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

ACTS 28:26

You will indeed listen but never understand, and you will indeed look but never perceive.'

ACTS 28:27

27, For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise, they might look with their eyes and listen with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

Prophecy Repeated & Fulfilled.

Here we see prophetic words repeated as Paul speaks the words spoken from the Prophet Isaiah: Chapter 6. which were spoken to their fathers.

Last week we saw Prophecy from Jesus revealed when the viper bit Paul and he shook it off without a problem.

NOTE:

Prophecies spoken by prophets called by God are fulfilled. Yet if a man/woman calls him/herself a prophet and speaks things that are not commanded by God, things are not fulfilled, not scripture based, it is likely?

²⁸ "Let it be known to you, then, that this salvation of God has been sent to the gentiles; they will listen."

ACTS 28:28

ACTS 28:29

Acts 28:29 Some manuscripts include here After he said this, the Jews left, arguing vigorously among themselves.

Something To Think About

Paul spoke respectfully yet unapologetically to the Leaders in Rome as a Jew himself, yet a witness for Jesus Christ and many did not like this. As we saw this same behavior in Acts chapter 13:44-47

Our assignment is to study the word & share the Good News. The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul Turns to the Gentiles

⁴⁴ The following week almost the entire city turned out to hear them preach the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when some of the Jews saw the crowds, they were jealous; so they slandered Paul and argued against whatever he said.

Acts 13:44-45

46 Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and declared, "It was necessary that we first preach the word of God to you Jews. But since you have rejected it and judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life, we will offer it to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:46

⁴⁷ For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth. ⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and all who were chosen for eternal life became believers.

Acts 13:47-48

⁴⁹ So the Lord's message spread throughout that region.⁵⁰ Then the Jews stirred up the influential religious women and the leaders of the city, and they incited a mob against Paul and Barnabas and ran them out of town. 51 So they shook the dust from their feet as a sign of rejection and went to the town of Iconium. 52 And the believers were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:49-52

Acts 28:30-31

30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him.

31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Liberating Lesson

Commitment to ministry is sometimes hard. We have so many distractions and hindrances that can cause us to lapse in our responsibilities. Jesus also had a lot of adversity to deal with as He walked the Earth. However, He never allowed anything or anyone to stop Him from reaching the place He was destined to go, the Cross. If Jesus can remain faithful in spite of all He had to endure, surely, we can, too. We must not allow family drama, workplace stress, or personal issues to hinder us from keeping our commitment to minister to others. The world may not understand how we can remain faithful, but we know God can and will sustain US.

Your Personal Invitation to Jesus Christ

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Your Personal Invitation to Jesus Christ

Salvation is Free.

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

Your Personal Invitation to Jesus Christ

Romans 10: 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Life Application Assignment

This week, pray God will give you the strength to keep your commitments. Always remember, God is present and in control over your circumstances. Testify to others of the faithfulness of God and how He helped you keep your commitments.

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Spiritual Blessings in Jesus Christ Ephesians 3:3-14

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Depart to Serve May God continue to Bless Each of you!

Invite 2 People to Class & We hope to see you next week.

Jesus Saves.