

CP – 8/11/24

Acts Recap Looking Toward Chapter 25

We learn the:

- Preeminence of Christ
- Power of the Gospel
- Preciousness of God's Church

We grow in:

- Love for Christ
- Love for the Gospel
- Love of God's Church
- Passion to see people come to know Jesus

Purpose: Assurance - Roughly 30 years have passed since Acts 1.

- Many people have come and gone.
- This story is still God's story.
- The Gospels record what took place when the Son of God came down.
- Acts records what took place when the Spirit of God came down.

Acts 1:8: Jerusalem (2–4), Judea (5–7), Samaria (8), Ends of the Earth (9–28)

Acts 1:8, 1:9–11, Acts 2:1–4: UP, DOWN, OUT

***The context to Acts 25 is Acts 24:27.

When Paul finds himself in jail for two years (24), before a governor and a king (25–26), shipwrecked (27), snake-bitten (28), and on house arrest in Rome (28), Christ is still seated at the right hand of God, the Spirit is still at work, and the Church is still commissioned!

What was true in Acts chapter 1 is still true in Acts chapter 25!

New characters will be introduced, new struggles and hardships will be endured, and some successes will be celebrated, but one thing remains true: **God's remains committed to His purpose and His people. He keeps His promises!**

Remember, Paul had been in jail for two years when the text picks back up in Acts 25.

- Could you imagine the waiting? The doubts?
- Paul found himself there because of a Jewish mob and an indecisive governor.
- But what kept Paul going? The Spirit's encouragement and Jesus' commissioning!

Application:

- What was true in Chapter 1 was still true in Chapter 25. It is still true in 2024, no matter where you find yourself and no matter the circumstances.
- My prayer as we finish Acts this fall is for the Lord to light an evangelistic zeal in all of our hearts.