

CP - 9/29/24

Acts 28:16-28 – Paul in Rome

Sermon Outline

The series is coming to an end. How will it end?

- Luke doesn't mention much detail about Paul's time in Rome.
- Luke's has waited for 2.5 years to see Paul before Caesar, but it's not recorded.
- We must remember that Acts is not a biography of Paul.
- Acts is about King Jesus building His Church through preaching the gospel.

Main Point: Paul made the most of every opportunity by preaching King Jesus.

- While on house arrest (16)
 - Paul would be chained to a Roman soldier to 2 years.
 - He wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.
 - Colossians 4:2-6
 - According to Philemon, Onesimus became a follower while Paul was on house arrest.
 - Philippians 4:4-7; 10-13
 - Philippians 2:14-18
 - Ephesians 3:14-21
 - Philippians 1:12-14
- To all people (17–28)
 - 3 days
 - “Hope of Israel”
 - From dawn to dusk (23)
 - From cover to cover (23c)
 - From heart to heart (24-25)
 - From Jew to Gentile (26-28)

Application:

- * What kept Paul going? How had he not lost hope? He did not grumble about his lot or even of how the Jews treated him.
- * Are we known as grumblers and complainers? Is that what keeps us from being able to share the gospel effectively at work or home?
- * Paul saw his prison sentence as a platform to share the gospel.
- * He shared not just to those he wrote letters to but the men he was chained to.
- * They heard him pray, saw how he lived, and observed his love for the Lord.

- * Acts 28:28 is where we pick up the mantle.
 - * What does it mean to fully listen to the salvation of God?
 - * Believe it
 - * Live it
 - * Preach it

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the passage from Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. How did Paul make the most of his time on house arrest? How does reading the letters he wrote while under arrest in Rome help us understand Paul better? He wrote Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon in these 2 years.
3. Read Philippians 1:12–16 in light of Acts 28. What can we learn from Paul’s perspective on his imprisonment in Rome?
4. Read Colossians 4:2–6. How does Paul’s prayer request inspire or convict you?
5. What does it mean that Jesus is the “hope of Israel”?
6. Does our attitude often create a hurdle for us to be able to share the gospel where we work? How can this passage help us?