

Chapter 29 Paul's Missionary Journeys

Priscilla & Aquilla

- Married
- Heard gospel in synagogue
- Invited into home – house church
- Taught others of Christianity
- Supporter of Paul

Conversions – Lydia & Jailer @ Philippi

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- | Lydia | Jailer |
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| • Was a worshiper of God | • Charged with guarding Paul & Silas |
| • Heard Paul speak at city gate
– spoke to women | • Woke after earthquake |
| • Lord opened her heart | • About to kill himself |
| • Was baptized | • Saw Paul & Silas |
| • Invited Paul to her home | • "What must I do to be saved?" |
| | • Tended to wounds/his home |
| | • Baptized |

John Mark

- Barnabas' nephew
- Accompanied Paul on 1st Missionary Journey
- Left Paul in Asia Minor
- Paul refused to take him on 2nd journey
– Caused rift – Paul & Barnabas – Acts 16: 36-41
- Eventually reconciled with Paul
- Wrote the Gospel of Mark

Timothy

- Son of a heather/Greek father & Jewish mom
- Ergo = a gentile
- Mother = Eunice
– Well known convert of Paul's
- Name means 'honoring God'
- Leader in the early church

Paul's Suffering

- Paul's suffering brought greater ministry and his ministry brought greater suffering.

Lydia

- Business woman from Thyatira
- Seller of dyed goods
- Or seller of purple
- Heard and believed Paul
- Showed hospitality to Paul & Silas

Luke

- Doctor
- Traveling companion of Paul's
- Name = 'luminous'
- Set out to write a factual account of Jesus

Church at Thessalonica

- 1 Thess 2: 1-2
– "You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ²We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition."
- Vs 8
– "...Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

Issues & Adjustments

- 1 Corinthians 6.18 – “Flee from **sexual immorality**”
- Romans 12. 4-8 – “Find your **gift and use it**”
- Galatians 1. 6-9 – Be wary of those **preaching another gospel**”
- 1 Corinthians 16. 13-14- “ Stand firm in your **faith**”
- Galatians 5. 16 – “Be led by **Spirit of God**”
- Romans 12. 1-2 – “Offer yourselves as **living sacrifices**”

Paul's message said

GROW UP!
Get rid of your personal agendas

Jesus prayed for the unity of all people before he was betrayed and taken into custody - both when He was teaching the disciples, as He gave His life, and later, as His church was formed

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples...”

Immaturity

When people are immature and demand their own way

When an eye for an eye is OK because feelings are hurt and we can rationalize that they deserved what they got

unity suffers

The message for us

If you use the same language? NO!
If you vote the same? NO!
If you preach from the same version? NO!
If you condemn the same people? NO!

“if you love one another.”

Key Issues # 1 -- Immaturity

- In Corinth
 - People would brag on their spiritual pedigree
 - Peter taught me! Well, Paul baptized me
 - Instead of serving the body of Christ with the gifts they had, they started comparing again
 - my gift is flashier than yours
 - People spoke in tongues but without an interpreter
- In Galatia
 - Their immaturity was their inability to let go of the Law to embrace the love of Christ
- In Rome, the Jews needed to get off their high horse, considering themselves the last bastion of truth

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

“I appeal to you...that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be united in mind and thought...One of you says, ‘I follow Paul’ another says ‘I follow Apollos’ another ‘I follow Peter’ still another, ‘I follow Christ,’”

Unity is not uniformity

but it is sameness of purpose

Why do many Christian homes look the same as non-Christian homes?

Because we haven't focused on the fundamentals

Because we do not trust the sovereignty of God when things turn bad

Because we do not see the Upper Story

Because we do not see what happens to us through God-tinted glasses

Because we allow the world to shape us rather than us shaping the world

What for you is a non-negotiable
The mature Christian what is non-negotiable
THE PURITY OF THE GOSPEL (DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION)
SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH
WALKING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
JESUS AS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN, WHO PAID THE PRICE OF SIN THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION
THE TRUTH AND RELIABILITY OF THE SCRIPTURES



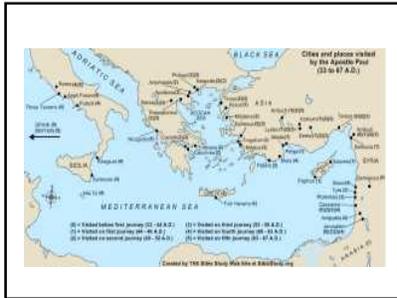
Romans 12. 2
“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

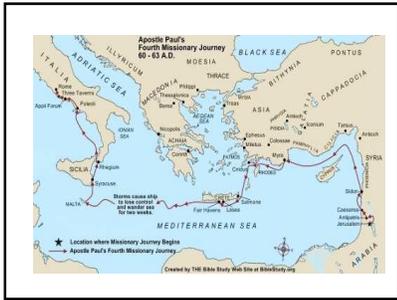


What does holy living look like today?

- When it comes to living out your new life every day, Paul told them:
“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23
- It's really pretty simple
 – Is the direction you're headed lead to things like peace and goodness between

Romans 14: *every shouldn't you consider a more vulnerable brother before you exercise your "liberties?"*





UPPER STORY

Lower Story

