

# THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 21:27-22:30

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### TITLE:

## **MY LIFE, GOD'S PLAN** **BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD**

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### THEME:

*Acts 1:8*

*"But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **"you shall be witnesses to Me"** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

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*The city of Pompeii on the Bay of Naples in Italy; was destroyed in A.D. 79. by volcanic eruption, Recent excavations showed many died trying to flee from the catastrophe. But one man didn't. At the city gate his skeleton was found. He was a Roman guard. There he had remained, both hands clutched to his sword, Nearly 2,000 years later he was found still at his post....*

### As Christian Soldiers

even though the world goes to pieces under our feet,  
we are still to be found striving to please God.

*Faithfulness and Passion are wonderful attributes, wonderful characteristics to have in life if they are anchored in the right thing*

### Faithfulness and Passion

*is often made visible to us through - enthusiasm*

Paul had a Heart of enthusiasm  
toward all people regarding the gospel...

*Enthusiasm (enthusiastic)*

1. A Great excitement.
2. The source of Extreme interest.
3. The Ecstasy arising from being a possession of God. - *Religious fanaticism*

"*en* (internal) *thus* (God) *iasm* (outward actions)"

Verses 27-40 His Desire *to share Jesus with them was greatly anticipated*

## Intro.) The Preparation for Paul's Defense vv. 27-40

Chapter 22  
is the Golden Moment... but plop

### Verse 27-28

With Emotions In High Gear *and their brains in neutral, they accused Paul of defiling the temple courtyard with a gentile - Trophimus*

### All Men - Everywhere

(they might have been exaggerating a bit, or were they?)

\* **Crying Out GRK 2896 krazo (krad'-zo)**  
to "croak" (like a frog) to shriek like an owl

**Paul was giving out to the People the message  
that Jesus had given him...**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, :2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. :3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **(Bible) - pick your favorite hero in history, none of them had a Bible written about them like Jesus has!** :4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, :5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. :6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. :7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. :8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Like Martin Luther King who said "I have a Dream"

Paul the Apostle said "I have a Grief"

Romans 9:2

"I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. :3 For I could wish that I myself were cutoff from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen, the Jew..."

- **Against the People**  
your heritage is not an advantage in spiritual things
- **Against the Law**  
your religious duties do not better you before the Lord
- **Against the Place**  
your god might dwell in a building, but the Lord doesn't

### Concerning this Place;

\* *Place* GRK 5117 topos (top'-os)  
a spot, a location, a quarter, or a room

**If Paul's Mission was from God,** *If the Message was from God, If the Messenger was from God - then why didn't 10,000 people come forward accepting Jesus?*

- #1 there is a time to plant the seed
- #2 there is a time to water the seed
- #3 yes there is a time to harvest
- #4 there is a time of judgment... in the message we deliver

There is a time when God will send a person one more opportunity  
*to receive Jesus Christ and then their time is up...*

Genesis 6:3

"My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,"

### As Messenger

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. :8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; :9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

The Message

2 Corinthians 2:15

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. :16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

**Paul was experiencing what J<sub>esus</sub> -**  
- had warned all of us about...

Matthew 10:36

"that a man's enemies will be those of his own household."

Matthew 13:57

"A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

We Shouldn't be surprised *when opposition comes our way... we should be encouraged by it!*

## Fair or Foul Weather Christian?

Botanists Tell Us;

The flower that follows the sun does so even in cloudy days.

That's Paul

### Verse 31

**"Now as they were seeking (advised) to kill him"**

**YOU CAN HANG EM' ~ YOU CAN STONE EM' ~ YOU CAN CALL JACK KEVORKIAN**

### Verse 36

**Away With Him !!!**

The same words that Jesus Heard, In the exact same spot that Jesus heard them...

**"In the world you will have tribulation;  
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."**

## Verse 40

Paul began to speak *to them in the native tongue. He won't get a chance to give an altar call nor will he finish his sermon...*

But (3) important points will be made  
(they apply to our lives today)

### 1.) Paul's Past, God at Work !

vv. 1-5

\* My Defense GRK apologia  
to give a defense, an argument supporting a belief

Paul's Apologetic Technique  
it was his testimony

**Your Testimony... Is What God has done in your Life**

*Your Testimony is Your Defense,  
for the reality of Today*

- The Testimony of the blind man - I can see
- The Testimony of the woman - my bleeding has stopped
- The Testimony of the Demoniac - my life is under control now
- The Testimony of Lazarus - I'm alive
- The Testimony of the Deaf & Dumb - I can hear, I can Speak

Genesis 50:20

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Joel 2:25

"So I will restore to you the years that the locust have eaten!"

## Verse 4-5

### **This Way (The Way)**

The Name of the Early Christian Church Taken from;

John 14:6

"I am the way, the truth,

Paul Had Said NO-WAY - Jesus said WAY

**“God Changes Lives”**

2.) Paul's Timely Conversion

vv. 6-16

## Verse 10

# The Mark of True Conversion

**Arise, Go into the city** (one command at a time) once he is in the city, further instructions will come...

Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Remember... Running away *from home when you were about (5)? you packed your bag - Spider man Pajamas & underoos / tooth brush for cheetos cheese puffs & hostess twinkies and you headed off... for about an hour... the world felt huge with a hand to guide you!*

If you can figure it Out, it probably isn't from God

# Faith is What He is Developing in Us

**This Home Fellowship meeting in the...**

- Then renting *a unit across the street, then another, then another, then another*
- Renting *a larger unit on this side of the street, then another...*
- The Chairs you're sitting on \$10,014.00

**(The City has said NO MORE EXPANDING)**

*So then we go to prayer about property. a year and half later we have seen miraculous things done... and being done as we speak*

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**we have never had the money upfront at the start of any venture**

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How do you Know if God is In It?

~~~~~ *I Don't* ~~~~~

That's The Faith-Factor Friends

## The Prayer & Fasting Teams Involved...

1 Samuel 14:6

Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; **it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few.**" 7 So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here I am with you, according to your heart."

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name,  
I am there in the midst of them."

# *That's Christianity 1-A*

## *Step Out and See*

Matthew 7:7

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

### Verse 11-14

## Chosen in Time

2 Corinthians 6:1

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the **accepted** time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

\* GRK Accepted GRK 2144 euprosdektos (yoo-pros'-dek-tos);  
a time to well-receive, an approved moment, the favorable time  
The Moment of Opportunity for you Spiritually

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son,

### Verse 15-16

In The Greek Aorist Tense Meaning (The Calling is the Issue)

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, **and**  
wash away your sins, **calling on** the name of the Lord.'

**In The Greek N.T.**

**arise, wash away your sins, invoking the name of Him (Christ)**

Acts 2:21

**And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'**

**Romans 10:13**

**For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of those in heaven, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Philippians 2:9-11

### 3.) Paul's Special Calling in Life

*vv. 17-29*

#### Verse 17-21

Direct authority from God to go to the gentiles *vv.17-21*

Galatians 1:11,15-16

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. :12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ..... :15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, :16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,

#### Verse 19-20

## *The HallMark of Christianity*

Jesus Saves,

Murderers, Muggers, & **Mothers** - Robbers, Rip-offs & **Relatives**

Sinners, Salesmen & **Sisters** - Druggies, Drunks & **Dads**

Bank Robbers, Boogers & **Brothers**

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Jesus

## Verse 21

In The Ancient Jewish Mind;  
Gentiles where considered Kindling for the fires of Hell  
Grk: it's Presto Logs

## Verse 22-29

God's Plan is Faithful, Not Always Easy vv. 22-29

## Verse 29

*What can we learn from this situation of Paul's*

- #1 *Understand that God is For You Completely* (the Past)
- #2 *Daily Look for His Divine Appointment for your life* (the Now)
- #3 *Count it all Joy* (the Future)

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD,  
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (NIV)