Lesson 11 · Paul's Journeys

Scope

- AD 49–62 · Acts 15–28, Galatians, 1–2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Corinthians, Romans, Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians, Luke
- Second Journey · AD 49–52
- Third Journey · AD 53–57
- Arrest and Journey to Rome · AD 57–62

Before & after

- Previous: God's promise is greater than “all persecution”
- **This lesson: God's promise “goes to all nations”**
- Next: God's promise “will be fulfilled”

Discussion

- The Bereans “received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11). How do those two attitudes go together?
- What were Paul's circumstances when he wrote Rom 8:28, “all things work together for good”? Read Rom 8:35–39, then set it beside the shipwreck in Acts 27.
- Paul sang hymns in the jail at Philippi and wrote “Rejoice in the Lord always” from prison in Rome. What was his joy built on?

Main sentence

God's promise “goes to all nations”

Person

Paul

Key verse

Rom 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Five key events

1 · Second Journey: Into Europe

- The call from Macedonia took Paul to Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth
- He stayed a year and a half in Corinth and wrote 1 and 2 Thessalonians there

2 · Third Journey: Ephesus and Corinth

- Two years in Ephesus: the gospel spread through all Asia, magic books were burned, the silversmiths rioted
- He wrote 1 and 2 Corinthians to deal with church problems, and wrote Romans in Corinth

3 · Romans: The Gospel in Outline

- All have sinned
- God's righteousness is revealed through faith
- Justified by faith, we have peace with God
- No condemnation in Christ, and nothing can separate us from the love of God
- Present your bodies as a living sacrifice

4 · Arrest, Shipwreck, Rome

- Arrested in Jerusalem, two years in Caesarea, an appeal to Caesar, fourteen days of storm at sea, shipwreck on Malta, and at last Rome
- The Lord had already said: “so you must testify also in Rome.”

5 · The Prison Letters

From his rented lodging in Rome Paul wrote Colossians (Christ is supreme), Philemon (a slave becomes a brother), Ephesians (all things united in Christ), and Philippians (rejoice in the Lord always)