

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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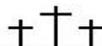
PART 9: THE CLOSING YEARS FOR PAUL

PAUL'S LEGACY

- Every human being on this earth is destined to at some point lose their body and die physically. Some make preparations and are prepared to leave a legacy while others just let life pass by, and when their time of departure comes, it is too late to make a mark in the world. Paul was one of a few who knew through the Holy Spirit that his life was coming to a close, and instead of getting depressed, he chose to make final preparations. It was at Corinth that he wrote a letter to the Christians in Rome. Historians have dated it to January of 57 A.D. Just prior to this, he had written the epistle to the church in Galatia. **Acts 20:1-6**
- Miracles would continue to follow Paul the rest of his life. When a young man fell down from the third floor and died at a meeting, Paul did not panic, but simply followed the instructions of Jesus. **Matthew 10:1, 5-8; Acts 20:7-12**
- Paul wanted to spend some time alone, so he sent his team on a ship while he walked to the next town. We don't know why Paul did this but most likely it was because he wanted to spend some time alone with the Lord and make sure that he would carry out the mission given to him. **Acts 20:13-14**
- We know that Paul had been instructed to be in Jerusalem before the day of Pentecost, and through these verses, we can see that he was aware of that time was short. Paul traveled in the spring season of the year 57, and did not know that in 13 years, Jesus' prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem would be fulfilled. **verses 15-16**
- Paul had been the pastor for the Christians in Ephesus for some three years and he knew that he would never again come back to this city. Therefore, he called for the elders of Ephesus to come down to the coastal town of Miletus and meet with him. **Acts 20:16-26**

PAULS' WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Feed the church with spiritual food. **Acts 20:28**
- False teachers will arrive. **verses 29-30; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-3**
- Paul reminded them of his three years as their pastor. **Acts 20:31-35**
- A final prayer with his elders. **verses 36-38**



A WARNING FROM JESUS

- ❑ Some 30 years later after Paul had been beheaded; Jesus gave a final warning to the Church of Ephesus. **Revelation 2:1-7**
- ❑ The new generation of Christians in Ephesus was not able to hold on to the foundation which Paul had laid and Jesus talked about. The church was abandoned by the Holy Spirit and ceased to exist; their candlestick was forever removed!

ARE YOU PREPARING FOR YOUR DEPARTURE FROM EARTH?

WHAT KIND OF LEGACY ARE YOU LEAVING BEHIND?

WHAT WILL THEY WRITE ON YOUR TOMBSTONE?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?