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Family & Friends

# Paul's Third Missionary Journey

**(Acts 20 & 21) – Part 5**

# Review of our previous study:

- Paul left Ephesus for Macedonia, then to Greece, and back to Macedonia. (Acts 20:1 – 6)
- Paul raised Eutychus from the dead! (Acts 20:7 – 12)
- Paul spoke to the Ephesians Elders at Miletus. (Acts 20:13 – 38)

# In this study:

- Paul speaks to the Ephesians Elders at Miletus. (Acts 20:13 – 38) continued...
- Paul travels onto Jerusalem. (Acts 21:1 – 16)
- Paul meets with James. (Acts 21:17 – 26)
- Paul arrested in the Temple. (Acts 21:27 – 36)
- Paul speaks to the Mob. (Acts 21:37 – 22:21)
- Paul appeals to his Roman citizenship. (Acts 22:22 – 29)



# Paul speaks to the Ephesians Elders at Miletus.

Acts 20:13 – 38

## Acts 20:22 – 27 (ESV)

*22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.*

Acts 20:28 – 30  
(ESV)

*28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.*



# Notice the terms used to describe the Ephesian Eldership:

- **Elders**

- Acts 20:17 (ESV) (*17 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **elders** of the church to come to him.*)
- Greek term: presbuteros (pres-boo'-ter-os)
- It is defined as “comparative of presbus (elderly); older; as noun, a senior; specially, an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian "presbyter":-- elder(-est), old.”

- **Overseers/Bishops**

- Acts 20:28 (ESV) (*28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*)
- Greek term: episkopos (ep-is'-kop-os)
- It is defined as “a superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church (literally or figuratively):--bishop, overseer.”

- **Shepherd/Pastor**

- Acts 20:28 (ESV) (*28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, **to care** for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*)
- Greek term: poimaino (poy-mah'-ee-no)
- It is defined as “to tend as a shepherd of (figuratively, supervisor):--feed (cattle), rule.”
- It is a derivative of the Greek term: poimen (poy-mane')
- It is defined as “a shepherd (literally or figuratively):--shepherd, pastor.”

*31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Acts 20:31 – 35 (ESV)

Acts 20:36 – 38  
(ESV)

*36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.*

Paul travels onto Jerusalem.

Acts 21:1 – 16

## Acts 21:1 – 6 (ESV)

*1 And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2 And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. 4 And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. 5 When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed 6 and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.*



*7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. 8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. 10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." 12 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."*

Acts 21:7 – 14 (ESV)





Does verse 9 give authority for women to teach in a church service?

**NO!**

In our next study, we  
will continue to study  
Acts 21!