

# The Life and Epistles of Paul

This study is designed to help the student become familiar with the Biblical record of the Apostle Paul, originally Saul of Tarsus. We consider his participation in Stephen's stoning (Acts 7) to his last recorded days as a prisoner in Rome (Acts 28). Along the journey Paul's epistles will be briefly summarized. The study is a work in progress consisting of at least 26 lessons. Upon completion of this material the student will have covered 14 of the 27 New Testament books.

It's challenging to constantly refer to a person whose name changes. It would not do to call him Saul of Tarsus throughout the study. The two best options are to 1) call him Saul until his name changes in Acts 13:9, or 2) call him Paul throughout. We opt for the former.

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## Lesson 1: Saul's Early Life

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**Reference Texts:** 1 Samuel 9:1-2; 1 Samuel 10:17-24; Acts 5:34-40; Acts 7:58; Acts 18:3; Acts 21:39; Acts 22:3, 25-29; Acts 23:6, 16; Philippians 3:5

### Saul's Heritage:

1. Who was the first King of Israel? (1 Samuel 10:21, 24)
2. Of which tribe was the first king of Israel (1 Samuel 9:1-2)
3. What is the literal translation of "Saul"?

### Saul's Nativity:

4. Where was Saul of Tarsus born? (Acts 22:3)
5. Was Tarsus a small, unimportant city? (Acts 21:39)
6. Locate Tarsus on a map.
7. In what city was Saul brought up? (Acts 22:3)
8. Of which tribe of Israel was Saul of Tarsus a member? (Philippians 3:5)
9. Was Saul of Tarsus a Roman citizen? If so, how did he become a Roman citizen? (Acts 22:25-29)
10. What do we know of Saul's father? (Acts 22:28; 23:6)
11. Was Saul of Tarsus an only child? YES NO (Acts 23:16)

12. Was the Law of Moses strictly observed in Saul's home? YES NO Explain. (Acts 22:3, Philippians 3:5)

**Saul's Education:**

13. Who was Saul's primary teacher? (Acts 22:3)

14. Along with Saul's book learning what skilled trade did he learn? (Acts 18:3)

15. Would Saul have been familiar with Greek customs in his youth?

16. What do we know of Paul's teacher's character? (Acts 5:34-40)

**Lesson 2: Saul's Conversion**

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**Reference Texts:** Leviticus 24:16; Deuteronomy 17:2-7; Matthew 7:21; Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8,22; Acts 7:58; Acts 8:1; Acts 9:1-19; Acts 22:4,9,16; Acts 26:9-12,16-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-7; Philippians 3:6

**Questions:****Saul as a Persecutor of the Church:**

1. To what degree did Saul persecute Christians? (Acts 7:58; 8:1; 9:1-2; 22:4)  
     Not Much      Somewhat      Active      Quite a Bit      Extreme
2. From whom did Saul obtain authority for persecuting Christians? (Acts 9:1-2, 26:10,12)
3. Which best describes Saul's persecution of the church, (Acts 26:9-12; Philippians 3:6)
  - (a) Saul opposed persecuting Christians but did it anyway
  - (b) Saul was ambivalent about doing it
  - (c) Saul was deeply committed to destroying the church.
4. Why did Saul understand that persecuting Christians was the right thing to do? (Leviticus 24:16; Deuteronomy 17:2-7)

**Saul's Conversion:**

1. Which chapters in Acts contain accounts of Saul's conversion?
2. While on the road to Damascus what did Saul see and hear that impressed him. (Acts 9:3-4)
3. Harmonize Acts 9:7 with Acts 22:9, if possible.
4. What was Saul's first question, who answered it, and what was the answer? (Acts 9:5)
5. What was Saul's second question, who answered it, and what was the answer? (Acts 9:6)
6. Why was Ananias employed to preach to Saul. What didn't Jesus tell him exactly what to do to be saved? (2 Corinthians 4:5-7)
7. What, exactly, did Ananias tell Saul to do to be saved? (Acts 22:16)

8. How much time elapsed after Ananias instructed Saul and Saul's baptism? (Acts 9:17-18)
  
9. When were Saul's sins forgiven? (Acts 22:16)
  
10. Precisely when...
  - (a) ...did Saul believe in Jesus as the Christ?
  
  - (b) ...was Saul saved?
  
11. Was Saul eligible to be an apostle? (Acts 1:8,22; 26:16)

**Lesson 3: After Saul's Conversion**

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**Reference Texts:** Matthew 4:1-2; Acts 1:4, 2:1, 4:36, 9:20-30, 2 Corinthians 11:32-33; Galatians 1:16-20**Questions:**

1. How much time elapsed between Saul's conversion and the first lesson he taught for Christ? (Acts 9:20)
2. How was Saul's preaching for Christ received? (Acts 9:21)
3. In which city did Saul first teach and preach for Christ? (Acts 9:22)
4. Was Saul's preaching effective? (Acts 9:22)
5. How did the Jews in Damascus respond to Saul's preaching Christ? (Acts 9:23)
  - (a) They repented and were baptized for the remission of their sins
  - (b) They had serious doubts and wanted to hear more
  - (c) They hardened their hearts and sought to kill Saul
6. Where did the Jews plan to catch Saul? (Acts 9:24)
7. How was Saul able to escape with his life? (Acts 9:24-25; 2 Corinthians 11:32-33)
8. How much time elapsed between Saul's persecuting Christians and his being persecuted as a Christian?
9. Which of the following scenarios best describes Saul's actions from his conversion until his return to Jerusalem? (Acts 9:24-25; 2 Corinthians 11:32-33; Galatians 1:16-18)
  - (a) After preaching for a short time in Damascus Saul fled into Arabia and stayed for nearly three years. Soon again he fled Damascus then went to Jerusalem to see Peter.
  - (b) Saul preached for many days in Damascus. When the Jews plotted to kill him he fled into Arabia. After a brief stay in Arabia he returned to Damascus and resumed preaching. After nearly three years in Damascus Saul fled the city and returned to Jerusalem.
10. Justify your choice of (a) or (b) or construct your own scenario.
11. How did Jesus prepare for his ministry after he was baptized by John? (Matthew 4:1-2)

12. How did the eleven apostles prepare for their ministry after Jesus' death and resurrection? (Acts 1:4. 2:1)

**Paul's Return to Jerusalem:**

1. Upon returning to Jerusalem what did Saul do first? (Acts 9:26)
2. How did the brethren react to his wanting to be counted as a disciple of Christ? (Acts 9:26)
3. Who came to Saul's defense? (Acts 9:27; Acts 4:36)
4. With whom did Saul boldly dispute in Jerusalem? (Acts 9:29)
5. With whom did Saul stay during this visit to Jerusalem? (Galatians 1:18)
6. How long was this visit to Jerusalem? (Galatians 1:18)
7. Why did Saul leave Jerusalem? What ended this visit? (Acts 9:29-30)
8. After leaving Jerusalem where did Saul go? (Acts 9:30; Galatians 1:21)

**Lesson 4: Preaching the Kingdom**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 1:8, 4:36, 8:1-5, 11:19-30, 12:1-2, 24-25, 22:3

**Questions:**

1. What caused the dispersion of the Jerusalem church? (Acts 8:1)
2. Into which geographic regions were the disciples scattered? (Acts 1:8, 8:1-4, 11:19)
3. Who took the gospel into Samaria? (Acts 8:5)
4. Where was the Gospel first preached to Gentiles? (Acts 11:20)
5. Were the efforts to preach in Antioch of Syria successful? (Acts 11:21)
6. How did the church in Jerusalem respond to news of growth of the church? (Acts 11:22)
7. When Barnabas saw what God's grace had done in Antioch what did he do? (Acts 11:23)
8. What does "Barnabas" mean? (Acts 4:36)
9. What three comments are made about Barnabas in Acts 11:24?
10. Why did Saul go to Antioch? (Acts 11:25)
11. How long did Saul and Barnabas labor together in Antioch? (Acts 11:26)

**Note:** Antioch in Syria is the first place Jesus' disciples were called Christians.



12. Who told the church of the impending world-wide famine? (Acts 11:28)

**Note:** Emperor Claudius of Rome reigned from 41 to 54 AD. That the famine was prophesied to occur during his reign helps us establish a timeline for the Book of Acts and the life of Saul.

13. Summarize how the church in Antioch helped those affected by the famine. (Acts 11:29-30)

14. Which disciple of our Lord was put to death by the sword? (Acts 12:2)

15. Who ordered his death? (Acts 12:1)

16. After delivering the help to Jerusalem Saul and Barnabas returned to Antioch of Syria. Who returned with them? (Acts 12:25)

**Lesson 5: Review of Saul's Early Life**

**Instructions:** Please treat this lesson as a test. Don't refer to your Bible or any other sources the first time through. See how many questions you can answer. Next, use your Bible and previous lessons to answer the questions you didn't get the first time through. We'll discuss this after you've worked on it.

1. The apostle Paul was originally named \_\_\_\_\_ and was born in Tarsus of \_\_\_\_\_, a province of Asia Minor, and part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire.
2. The first king of Israel was named Saul. Both he and Saul of Tarsus were of the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Saul of Tarsus was educated in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ at the feet of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Was Saul of Tarsus a Roman citizen? YES NO
5. Saul was a (Sadducee, Pharisee) and the son of a (Sadducee , Pharisee).
6. Which trade did Saul know?
  - (a) Tent sweeper
  - (b) Tent maker
  - (c) Beekeeper
  - (d) Scribe
7. Saul persecuted Christians because it was demanded by...
  - (a) the Chief Priests
  - (b) his conscience
  - (c) the Law of Moses
  - (d) all the above.
8. Jesus confronted Saul while Saul traveled to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. During that confrontation Saul saw a light and heard a voice. What did his companions see and hear?
  - (a) They saw a light but didn't hear anything
  - (b) They didn't see anything but they did hear a voice
  - (c) They saw a light and heard something that they didn't understand
10. Did Saul know who spoke to him on the road? YES NO How do you know?
11. Precisely when did Saul believe in Jesus as the Christ?
  - (a) When he was persecuting Christians
  - (b) On the road to Jerusalem
  - (c) While Praying in Damascus
  - (d) When Ananias taught him
  - (e) None of the above

12. When were Saul's sins forgiven?
13. How long after Saul's conversion did he teach his first lesson?
  - (a) Immediately
  - (b) After a few weeks
  - (c) Three years later when he returned to Jerusalem
14. How did Saul escape from the Jews in Damascus who sought to kill him? And whose idea was it?
15. When Saul arrived in Jerusalem after his conversion to Christ how did the saints receive him?
  - (a) With open arms
  - (b) They didn't receive him
  - (c) They doubted his sincerity
16. What prompted Saul to go to Antioch in Syria?
  - (a) Persecution in Jerusalem
  - (b) The church in Jerusalem split
  - (c) He was called to help build the church there
  - (d) He needed a vacation

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is it important to study the life and epistles of the Apostle Paul?
2. What trait of Paul's do you most admire?
3. Do you have a favorite passage from Paul's epistles?

**Lesson 6: Paul's First Preaching Trip Begins**

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**Reference Texts:** Exodus 4:15-16, 7:1; Acts 12:12,25, 13:1-13, 15:37; Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24

**Questions:**

1. Acts 13:1 mentions “prophets” and “teachers”. Please define each and note the difference between them. Concerning prophets it might help to refer to Exodus 4:15-16 and Exodus 7:1.
  - (a) Prophet
  - (b) Teacher
2. Name the five men at Antioch who were both prophets and teachers. (Acts 13:1)
3. In Acts 13:2 it says that the five were ministering to the Lord and fasting when the Spirit came upon them. Can you find other New Testament examples of the Lord speaking when saints were thus occupied?
4. After the Spirit commanded Saul and Barnabas be sent out how did the brethren prepare them? (Acts 13:3)
5. Concerning this “laying on of hands,” what exactly was done by this? (Acts 13:3)
6. What mode of transport was available in Seleucia that wasn't available in Antioch? (see map)
7. The New Testament mentions a number of men named “John.” Which one accompanied Saul and Barnabas on this first preaching trip? (Acts 12:12,25; 15:37, Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24)
8. Most Bibles contain a map of Paul's preaching trips. Please locate the Island of Cyprus and the cities of Seleucia and Paphos on your map of Paul's first preaching trip.
9. Where did Saul and Barnabas preach first in Salamis? (Acts 13:5) Why?

10. Name three things we know about Bar-Jesus. (Acts 13:6)
11. What was Sergius Paulus' initial reaction to the gospel? (Acts 13:7)
12. Did Elymas hinder or help the spread of the gospel? Explain.
13. When the group arrived in Perga what did John Mark do and why? (Acts 13:13)

**Application:**

1. Why is it effective to couple prayer and fasting?
2. Christianity often appeals to the poor and lowly, but Sergius Paulus shows that it appeals to the high and mighty, also. To whom should we preach to get the best result?
3. Is sorcery real? And, if so, is it a threat to Christianity?

**Lesson 7: Antioch in Pisidia**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 13:14-52**Questions:**

1. From Perga where did Paul and Barnabas travel? (13:14)
2. On the Sabbath where did they go and what did they do? (13:14)
3. What acts of worship were included in synagogue services? (13:15,27)
4. What different classes of people were represented in the synagogue audience? (13:16,26,43)
5. What invitation did the leaders of the synagogue extend to Paul after the reading? (13:15)
6. Paul's sermon is presented in verses 16-41. Please draw a line to connect the reference on the left with the topic of those verses on the right.

| <b>Reference</b> | <b>Topic</b>                                  |
|------------------|---|
| a) 16-22         | John's Testimony                              |
| b) 23            | The Resurrection                              |
| c) 24-25         | Warning                                       |
| d) 26-29         | Brief History of Israel                       |
| e) 30-37         | Remission of Sins Through Christ              |
| f) 38-39         | The Crucifixion                               |
| g) 40-41         | Christ: Seed of David and Savior of the World |

7. Was Paul's sermon a success? Explain your answer.

8. Who attended Paul's next sermon? (13:44)
9. Was Paul's second sermon a success? Explain (13:45-49)
10. According to Paul who had judged the Jews to be unworthy of eternal life? (13:46)
11. Explain how the unbelieving Jews resisted Paul's preaching and got him to leave. (13:50)
12. As a result, what did Paul and Barnabas do? (13:51)
13. Were the disciples in any way discouraged by this turn of events? (13:52)

**Discussion:**

1. What did the leaders of the synagogue expect Paul and Barnabas to say when they invited them to speak?
2. Did Paul have to skip services with the saints to worship in the synagogue?

**Lesson 8: Completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Preaching Trip**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 14:All**Questions:**

1. In Iconium where and to whom did Paul and Barnabas first preach? (1)
2. What responses came from their preaching? (2)
3. Although their teaching was opposed by many men how was it confirmed by God? (3)
4. Who decided it was time for Paul and company to move on? (5-6)
5. Locate the next three towns mentioned in verse 6 on your map of Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> preaching trip.
6. How long had the man Paul healed in Lystra been crippled? (8)
7. In verse 9 what do we learn was prerequisite to Paul's healing?
8. How did the crowd misinterpret Paul's healing of the cripple? (11-13)
9. How did it come to pass that Paul and Barnabas faced opposition in Lystra? (19)
10. After being stoned to death what did Paul do? (20)
11. After preaching in Derbe Paul traveled back through Lystra and Iconium. What message did he spread on this return trip? (22)
12. What do we learn about church elders in verse 23?



13. On your map trace Paul's return from Iconium to Antioch in Syria. (21-26)
14. Upon their return to Antioch in Syria, what did Paul and Barnabas do? (27)
15. And how long did Paul and Barnabas remain in Antioch of Syria after that first trip? (28)

**Digging Deeper:**

1. Was Barnabas an apostle? Explain. (14)
2. Did Paul die as a result of the stoning in Lystra? (19-20)

**Lesson 9: Review of the 1<sup>st</sup> Preaching Trip**

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**Instructions:** Please treat this as a test.

1. On the map provided please locate all the cities mentioned in Paul's first preaching trip and trace his route.
2. Using the following letters to denote the following roles, please put as many letters after each name as apply.

P - Prophet; T – Teacher; D – Deputy; S – Sorcerer; M – Minister; C – Christian; A – Apostle

Paul \_\_\_\_\_

Barnabas \_\_\_\_\_

John (Mark) \_\_\_\_\_

Simeon (Niger) \_\_\_\_\_

Lucius of Cyrene \_\_\_\_\_

Manaen \_\_\_\_\_

Bar-Jesus (Elymas) \_\_\_\_\_

Sergius Paulus \_\_\_\_\_

3. List the various types of hindrances Paul encountered in his first preaching trip.
4. List the various types of escapes Paul used to avoid persecution and whose idea each was.
5. One of the most complete records of Paul's sermons comes from Acts 13:16-41. Briefly summarize that sermon.
6. In which churches did Paul and Barnabas establish elders?

## Lesson 10: The Jerusalem Council

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 15:1-35

**Questions:**

1. What dissension arose in Antioch after Paul's first preaching trip? (vs. 1)
2. Evidently the matter couldn't be settled in Antioch, hence the need to take the matter to the elders and apostles. Were the men who advanced this teaching Christians?
3. Members of what sect in Jerusalem advanced the need for circumcision? (vs. 5)
4. Who assembled in Jerusalem to consider this matter? (vs. 6)
5. Briefly summarize Peter's argument. (vs. 7-11)
6. What evidence did Paul and Barnabas present? (vs. 12)
7. Briefly summarize James' argument. (vs. 13-21)
8. Who comprised the group that eventually went to Antioch with the answer? (vs. 22)
9. Briefly summarize the answer. (vs. 23-29)
10. Can you figure out who stayed in Antioch and who left? (vs. 30-35)
11. Were any votes taken in the events of this chapter? YES NO
12. What are we to learn about doctrinal councils from this chapter?

**Lesson 11: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 1)**

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**Reference Texts:** Genesis 17:10-13; Acts 15:36-16:3; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Galatians 2:3, 11-14; 2 Timothy 1:5**Questions:**

1. Concerning Paul's proposal in Acts 15:36;
  - (a) To whom was it made?
  - (b) What action was proposed?
  - (c) What was the purpose?
  - (d) When was this proposal made?
2. Who did Barnabas want to have accompany them? (15:37)
3. Why did Paul object to Barnabas' choice? (15:38)
4. Which of the following statements best describes the resolution of this matter?
  - (a) Paul and Barnabas chose a different companion and the three went out together
  - (b) Barnabas persuaded Paul to take John Mark
  - (c) Paul persuaded Barnabas to leave John Mark behind
  - (d) Paul and Barnabas selected their own companions and parted company.
5. Please read Galatians 2:11-14. It's difficult to know exactly when this occurred, but we know it occurred in Antioch. Let's assume it happened around this time. Why did Paul rebuke Peter publicly?
6. On a map trace the route of Paul's second preaching trip as far as Lystra.
7. Who did Paul meet in Lystra? (Acts 16:1)
8. What do we know about Timothy's family? (Galatians 2:3; 2 Timothy 1:5)
9. How did Paul prepare Timothy for their work together? (Acts 16:3)
10. When should this have been accomplished? (Genesis 17:10-13)
11. Why was this accomplished now? (Galatians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

## Lesson 12: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 2)

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 16:4-15

**Questions:**

1. On the second preaching trip what message did Paul and Barnabas convey to the established churches? (vs.4)
2. In what ways did those churches grow? (vs. 5)
3. Name the men who set out from Lystra in Acts 16:6.
4. Why didn't they preach as they passed through Asia? (vs. 6-7)
5. Trace Paul's journey from Lystra to Philippi on your map.
6. Who appeared to Paul in a vision and what did he say? (vs. 9)
7. How long did Paul contemplate the vision before obeying it?
8. Indirectly who were these instructions from? (vs. 10)
9. Notice the voice of the narration changes in Acts 16:10. Instead of saying "they" as he did in vs. 8 he says "we." Why do you suppose this changed?
10. What do we know about the City of Philippi? (vs. 12)
11. Why do you suppose Paul would be by a river on the sabbath instead of in the synagogue? (vs. 13)
12. What does the word tell us about Lydia's character, residency, and work? (vs. 14-15)
13. Name the men who were part of Paul's group as of vs. 15.

**Lesson 13: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 3)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 16:16-40**Questions:**

1. What type of spirit possessed the girl in Philippi? (vs. 16)
2. What statement did she make repeatedly? (vs.17) Was it true?
3. Why didn't Paul appreciate this? (vs. 18)
4. What did Paul do for this girl? (vs. 18)
5. Why were the girl's masters upset with Paul? (vs. 16, 19)
6. Describe the events that led to Paul and Silas' imprisonment. (vs. 19-23)
7. What did the jailor do with Paul and Silas? (vs. 24)
8. What condition were Paul and Silas in...
  - (a) Physically
  - (b) Spiritually
9. When awakened, why did the jailor attempt suicide? (vs. 27)
10. How long was it from the time the jailor asked about being saved until he was saved? (vs. 30-34)
11. Did the magistrates attempt to release Paul and Barnabas publicly or privately? (vs. 35-36)
12. How were they ultimately released and why? (vs. 37-39)
13. What did Paul and Silas do before leaving town? (vs. 40)

**Lesson 14: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 4)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 17:1-15

**Questions:**

1. On your map of Paul's second preaching trip please trace Paul's route from Philippi to Athens.
2. Did Luke and Timothy go with Paul and Silas to Thessalonica? (17:1,14) YES NO Explain
3. What can we conclude about the number of Jewish families in Thessalonica? (17:1)
4. Explain Paul's "manner" as referred to in Acts 17:2.
5. How did Paul attempt to convert the Jews there to Christ? (17:2-3)
6. What results were produced in Paul's first few weeks in Thessalonica? (17:4)
7. How did the envious Jews oppose Paul's righteous preaching? (17:5)
8. How did the brethren protect Paul and Silas? (17:5-9)
9. To whom did Paul first preach in Berea? (17:10)
10. Was this usual or unusual? (17:11)
11. How did the Bereans compare with the Thessalonians? (17:11)
12. How did the envious Thessalonian Jews bother Paul in Berea? (17:13)





**Lesson 16: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 6)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 18:1-11

**Questions:**

1. Who was traveling with Paul as he arrived in Corinth? (Acts 18:1,5; 1 Thessalonians 3:1)
2. Who were Paul's first solid contacts in Corinth and what did they have in common? (vs. 2-3)
3. Were they Christians when Paul met them? YES NO
4. Where, how often, and to whom did Paul preach in Corinth? (vs. 4)
5. How did Paul spend his time when not preaching? (vs. 3)
6. What afflicted Paul in Corinth prior to Silas and Timothy joining him? (1 Corinthians 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:7)
7. When Silas and Timothy arrived in Corinth how was Paul affected? (Acts 18:5; 2 Corinthians 7:6)
8. Briefly summarize the reaction in Corinth to Paul's preaching. (Acts 18:6-8)
9. Which New Testament epistle did Paul write upon the occasion Silas' and Timothy's arrival?
10. How did Paul react to the Jews' opposition in Corinth? (18:6)
11. Why was Paul able to stay in Corinth so much longer than he had stayed in previous cities? (Acts 18:9-10)

**Lesson 17: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 7)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 18:12-22**Questions:**

1. Briefly summarize the Corinthians who were converted to Christ in the last section. (18:8)
2. How would you summarize the effectiveness of Paul's preaching in Corinth?
3. What is atypical of Gallio's reaction to the Jews' charges against the Christians? (18:12-17)
4. Paul wrote an epistle from Corinth. Which epistle was that?
5. What led Paul to depart from Corinth? (18:18)
6. How long did Paul remain in Corinth all together? (Acts 18:11,18)
7. In 18:18 we see that Paul was keeping a vow. Summarize the rules for vows in Numbers 6:1-21 and Deuteronomy 23:21-22.
8. On your map trace Paul's travels from Corinth to Antioch on this trip.

**Lesson 18: Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Preaching Trip (Review)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 15:36- 18:22

1. Describe Paul and Barnabas' disagreement that preceded their second preaching trip. What was it over and how was it settled?
2. What was the name of the young man Paul met in Lystra then chose to accompany him?
3. Why didn't Paul and Silas preach as they passed through Asia and Bythina?
4. Name the souls who were converted to Christ in Philippi.
5. How did the Bereans compare to the Thessalonians?
6. What is the name of the place where Paul addressed the Athenian philosophers?
7. Name the first city on his second preaching trip that Paul wasn't driven from.
8. Name the couple who Paul met and who shared his trade.
9. Name the city in which the second preaching trip began and ended.
10. How much time elapsed on Paul's second preaching trip? What years AD?
11. On the map provided see if you can locate the major cities of Paul's second preaching trip then trace his route.

**Epistles:** While in Athens Paul wrote 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

**Lesson 19: Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 1)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 18:23-19:20

1. On Paul's preceding journey to Jerusalem at the end of his second preaching trip who had he left in Ephesus? (18:19)
2. On a map trace Paul's route from Antioch to Ephesus on his third preaching trip. (18:23, 19:1)
3. What do we know about Apollos? (18:24-26)
4. How did Aquila and Priscilla help Apollos? (18:26)
5. What effect did Apollos have on the church in Corinth? (1 Corinthians 3:4-6)
6. Why did Paul re-baptize the disciples he found in Ephesus? (Acts 19:2-7)
7. No surprise that Paul found some hard-hearted Jews in Ephesus. How did he respond to them? (19:9)
8. How long did Paul use Ephesus as his base of operations? (19:10)
9. How effective was Paul's work in Ephesus? (19:10)
10. What do we know of the mighty works Paul performed in Ephesus? (19:11-12)
11. Why didn't the evil spirit respect the itinerant Jewish exorcists? (19:13-16)
12. Describe the effect of the gospel in Ephesus. (19:17-20)

**Epistles:** While in Ephesus Paul wrote 1 Corinthians.

## Lesson 20: Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 2)

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 19:21-20:16

1. While in Ephesus what were Paul's long-term travel plans? (Acts 19:21)
  
2. Whom did Paul send from Ephesus to Macedonia? (19:22)
  
3. Read about the "stir" in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-41) then answer the following:
  - (a) Who started it?
  - (b) Who participated?
  - (c) Who was held?
  - (d) What did Paul do?
  - (e) Who tried, unsuccessfully, to calm the crowd?
  - (f) Who successfully calmed the crowd?
  
4. How did Paul later summarize this event? (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)
  
5. On your map trace Paul's travels from Ephesus to Troas on his third preaching trip. (Acts 20:1-6)
  
6. Name Paul's eight companions. (Acts 20:4-5)
  
7. While in Troas...
  - (a) On which day did the saints assemble?
  - (b) How long did Paul's sermon last?
  - (c) What did Paul do for Eutychus? (Acts 20:9-12)
  
8. Where did Paul plan to be on the next day of Pentecost? (Acts 20:16)

**Epistles:** While in Macedonia Paul wrote 2 Corinthians. While in Corinth he wrote Romans. At this time he also wrote Galatians, but we don't know exactly from where?

**Lesson 21: Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Preaching Trip (Part 3)**

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**Reference Texts:** Acts 20:17-21:15

1. On the back of this page please list the main points of Paul's talk with the Ephesian elders in Miletus. (20:18-35)
  
2. On your map please trace Paul's route from Miletus to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:1-8. 15)
  
3. With whom did Paul stay in...
  - (a) Tyre? (21:4)
  
  - (b) Ptolemais? (21:7)
  
  - (c) Caesarea? (21:8)
  
4. Of Paul's host in Caesarea the scriptures state, "This man was one of the seven." Seven what?
  
5. Which prophet came from Judea to see Paul, and what did he tell him? (21:10-11)
  
6. How did the brethren react to this warning? (21:13)
  
7. How did Paul react? (21:13, 20:22)
  
8. What course of action did they finally agree upon? (21:14)

## Lesson 22: Arrest in Jerusalem

Reference Texts: Acts 21:15-22:29

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1. At what island did the group stop on their way to Jerusalem? (Acts 21: 16)
2. With whom did they stay there?
3. How was the group received in Jerusalem? (vs. 17)
4. After Paul reported to the elders in Jerusalem, what did the elders suggest and why? (vs. 20-25)
5. What happened when Paul tried to comply with the elders' suggestion? (vs. 27-30)
6. Who came to Paul's rescue? (vs. 31-34)
7. Who did the commander think Paul was (vs. 38).
8. Please outline Paul's defense upon the steps of the Praetorium. (22:1-21)
9. Upon Paul's mention of the Gentiles what did the crowd do? (vs. 22-23)
10. How did the commander purpose to examine Paul? (vs. 24)
11. How did Paul avoid this treatment? (vs. 25)
12. How did Paul become a Roman citizen? The commander? (vs. 28)

### Digging Deeper

1. Please review Old Covenant rules for taking vows. (Numbers 6:1-21) List the steps of the process.
2. What privileges did a Roman citizen enjoy that an alien did not?
3. Is this the first time the apostle Paul has used his Roman citizenship to his advantage?

**Lesson 23: Paul Before the Sanhedrin****Reference Texts:** Acts 22:30-24:27

1. Where did the commander next take Paul to examine him? (Acts 22:30)
2. With what claim did Paul begin his talk before the council. (23:1)
3. Did the Law of Moses empower the council to have Paul struck as he was? (vs. 2-5)
4. Why did Paul mention the resurrection of the dead? (vs. 6)
5. Why did a ruckus ensue? (vs. 7-9)
6. Who encouraged Paul that night? (vs. 11)
7. Who formed a conspiracy to kill Paul? (vs. 12-15)
8. How did Paul learn of the plot against him? (vs. 16)
9. How did the commander thwart the Jews' plot? (vs. 23, 31-32)
10. Outline the commander's letter to his superior. (vs. 26-30).
11. Was the letter accurate?
12. Where was Paul held in Caesarea? (vs. 35)
13. Who prosecuted Paul on behalf of the Jews? (Acts 24:1-2)
14. Outline the charges. (vs. 2-8)
15. Were the charges accurate?
16. Outline Paul's response to the charges. (vs. 10-21)
17. Paul later addressed Felix and Drusilla. (vs. 24-25) What did Paul say and how did Felix respond?



### **Lesson 24: Paul Before Festus and Agrippa**

**Reference Texts:** Acts 25:1-26:32

1. Shortly after Festus arrived in the province he visited Jerusalem and met with the Jewish leaders. For what did they ask? (Acts 25:3)
2. Of what did the Jews accuse Paul in Caesarea? (vs. 7)
3. Why did Festus purpose to return Paul to Jerusalem for trial? (vs. 9)
4. How did Paul avoid returning to Jerusalem? (vs. 11)
5. How did it come to pass that Paul spoke before Agrippa and Bernice? (vs. 13-22)
6. How would it have looked for Festus to send Paul to Caesar without any formal charges? (vs. 27)
7. Outline Paul's speech before Agrippa. (26:1-23)
  
8. Why did Festus interrupt Paul's speech? (vs. 24)
9. How did Agrippa respond to Paul's speech? (vs. 28)

#### **Digging Deeper:**

1. When Paul spoke before Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice,
  - a. On whom did he focus?
  - b. Why?
  - c. Was Paul defending himself or preaching?
2. Is it appropriate for a Christian to use law to his advantage?
- 3.

**Lesson 25: Voyage toward Rome****Reference Texts:** Acts 27:1-44

1. What is Paul's status on this voyage? (27:1)
2. List the key companions of Paul on this voyage. (vs. 1-2)
3. Trace the route of this voyage on a map. (vs. 3-8)
4. Why was Paul's warning not heeded by the centurion? (vs. 11)
5. Exactly what problem did the ship encounter? (vs. 14)
6. What did the sailors sequentially jettison from the boat as the storm worsened? (vs. 18-19,38,40)
7. Briefly outline the contents of Paul's "I told you so" speech. (vs. 21-26)
8. How did the sailors know they were approaching land? (vs. 27-28)
9. In desperation how did some of the sailors try to escape? (vs. 30)
10. What reassurance did Paul offer the crew? (vs. 33-34)
11. What was the penalty for a Roman soldier who let a prisoner get away? (Acts 12:19)
12. How many people had been on the ship and how many made it safely to land? (27:37,44)

**Lesson 26: From Malta to Rome**

**Reference Texts:** Acts 28:1-31

1. Where had the ship run aground? (28:1)
2. How were those shipwrecked treated by the natives? (vs. 2)
3. To what conclusion did the natives jump when Paul was bitten by the snake? (vs. 3-4)
4. What did they think when Paul survived? (vs. 5-6)
5. How did Paul occupy himself during his time on the island? (vs. 7-9)
6. Trace the route to Rome. (vs. 11-16)
7. With whom did Paul confer three days after he arrived in Jerusalem? (vs. 17)
8. How did they respond to Paul's teaching? (vs. 24-25)
9. The Jews' reaction fulfilled which prophecy? (vs. 25-27) Cite the source.
10. How long did Paul remain in Rome and how did he occupy himself? (vs. 28-31)

**Review:**

List the key events of the book of Acts as if you were summarizing it for one who had never read the book.