

# *Paul in Rome*





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# Paul Arrives in Rome

Act 28:11–16 After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island. (12) And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. (13) From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli,...





# Paul Arrives in Rome

Act 28:11–16 ...(14) where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome. (15) And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage...





# Paul Arrives in Rome

Act 28:11–16 ...(16) Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.





# *Paul Interacts with Jews in Rome*

Act 28:17–29 And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,...





# Paul Interacts with Jews in Rome

Act 28:17–29 ...(18) who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death. (19) But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation..





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Act 28:17–29 ...(20) For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." (21) Then they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you....





# Paul Interacts with Jews in Rome

Act 28:17–29 ...(22) But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere." (23) So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening...





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Act 28:17–29 ... (24) And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. (25) So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,...





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Act 28:17–29 ...(26) saying, 'GO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY: "HEARING YOU WILL HEAR, AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE, AND NOT PERCEIVE;...





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Act 28:17–29 ...(27) FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM...." '





# Paul Interacts with Jews in Rome

Act 28:17–29 ...(28) "Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!" (29) And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.





# Paul Interacts With Gentiles in Rome

Act 28:30–31 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, (31) preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.





# Irenaeus' Testimony of Paul In Rome

<https://dallascarter.net/2025/02/25/appendix-b-irenaeus-defense-of-sola-scriptura-and-his-gnostic-argument-against-gnosticism/>





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Since, however, it would be very tedious, in such a volume as this, to reckon up the successions of all the Churches, we do put to confusion all those who, in whatever manner, whether by an evil self-pleasing, by vainglory, or by blindness and perverse opinion, assemble in unauthorized meetings; [we do this, I say,] by indicating that tradition derived from the apostles,...





# *Irenaeus' Testimony of Paul In Rome*

...of the very great, the very ancient, and universally known Church founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious apostles, Peter and Paul ; as also [by pointing out] the faith preached to men, which comes down to our time by means of the successions of the bishops...





# *Irenaeus' Testimony of Paul In Rome*

Against Heresies (Book III, Chapter 4)

The truth is to be found nowhere else but in the Catholic Church, the sole depository of apostolic doctrine. Heresies are of recent formation, and cannot trace their origin up to the apostles.





# *Irenaeus' Testimony of Paul In Rome*

...For it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its preeminent authority, that is, the faithful everywhere, inasmuch as the tradition has been preserved continuously by those [faithful men] who exist everywhere...





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Against Heresies (Book III, Chapter 5)

...1. Since, therefore, the tradition from the apostles does thus exist in the Church, and is permanent among us, let us revert to the Scriptural proof furnished by those apostles who did also write the Gospel, in which they recorded the doctrine regarding God, pointing out that our Lord Jesus...





# Paul's Letter to Timothy From Rome

2 Ti 4:13–22 Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments... ...(16) At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them...





# Paul's Letter to Timothy From Rome

2 Ti 4:13–22 ...(19) Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. (20) Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick. (21) Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren. (22) The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.





# Paul Verses Peter

- Paul was in Rome two years during Acts (61–63)
- He went on a fourth Missionary journey, but was arrested and sent to Rome again and spent unknown time there, executed by Nero 66–67 AD
- Paul's final letter, 2 Timothy, was written during this second imprisonment





# Paul Verses Peter

- No Biblical record of Peter in Rome
- Irenaeus reckons Peter and Paul, “The Two most glorious apostles,” founding the Church in Rome together
- Very limited evidence of Peter’s ministry in Rome, with nothing Biblically noteworthy
- Peter’s focus was the Jews (Gal 2:7)





# Church Government

Act 15:2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.





# Church Government

Act 15:6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.

Act 15:22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.





# Church Government

➤ Act 15:23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

➤ Act 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.





# Church Government

Act 15:4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

Php 1:1 NKJV Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:





# Church Government

Act 11:30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.





# Church Government

Jesus Christ

Plurality of Apostles of Christ

Plurality of elders in every church

A single Elder could plant Churches  
and appoint elders equal to himself





# Prototyping/Planting Churches

Act 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Tit 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you





# Takeaways

- Dependence of the Holy Spirit
- Growth during Persecution
- Cross-Cultural Evangelism
- Apostolic-Associational Government
- God's Providence





# Scripture References

Acts 28:11–31  
Act 14:23, Tit 1:5,  
2 Tim 4:13–22, Act 15:2–23,  
Act 16:4, Php 1:1, Act 11:30, Jas 5:14,





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