

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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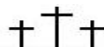
PART 10: PAUL'S COMPROMISE

THE COMPROMISE

- When the Apostle Paul came to Jerusalem, he was pressured by the Christian Jewish leadership to show that he still observed the ceremonial laws. **Acts 21:15-25**
- Paul knew that these laws were no longer in effect, nevertheless, he caved in to appease the leadership. **Acts 21:26**
- Paul's action shows that he was just a regular human being like you and I. He gave in to the demands of the leadership because he wanted to be accepted and approved by the highest hierarchy in the Christian church. All this happened after he had written his letter to the church in Galatia, where he very clearly laid out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Galatians 3:1-13, 5:1-16**

SOWING & REAPING

- Paul ignored his own teaching and now he was going to experience it firsthand. **Galatians 6:7-8**
- God's judgment came before the seven days of rituals were over. **Acts 21:27-31**
- Even though God loved Paul very much and had Jesus personally select him (**Acts 9:10-17**), the Lord still had to discipline Paul in order to bring him back in line and stop the heresy of Judaism from continuing in the Christian church (**Hebrews 12:1-13**). As a result, God used Roman soldiers to rescue Paul but not before he had been savagely beaten by the mob. **Acts 21:32-38**
- Paul tried to reach the Jewish mob with a great sermon but the anointing was not there because the Holy Spirit was not working with him. Because of his transgression, he temporarily lost respect in the spirit world and the mob turned on him again. **Acts 21:39-40, 22:1-24**
- God set into motion a chain of events that would bring Paul to Rome, the heart of the Roman Empire. But there was a price to pay; Paul had to stay in jail for the next two years. **verses 25-30**
- Paul used his knowledge as a Pharisee to divide the Jewish leadership. **Acts 23:1-10**
- Paul must have been in great despair as he realized the power of God which had been operating in him was now gone. An angel was therefore sent to strengthen Paul. **Acts 23:11**



- ❑ The Devil planned Paul's assassination but God made it so that nothing came of it. **verses 12-22**
- ❑ God moved upon the Roman military ruler to send Paul out of Jerusalem, protected by a small but powerful Roman detachment consisting of 200 regular soldiers, 70 cavalry soldiers and 200 spearmen. **verses 23-35**

COMMENTARY

God wanted Paul to travel to Rome and preach the Gospel. It was not God's perfect will for Paul to go to Rome beaten and manhandled as a prisoner, but when a man sins and is disobedient, there are consequences and penalties to be paid. I am sure that Paul repented of his backsliding into Judaism; however, the damage was done in the spirit world and Satan had a legal right to afflict him but not kill him. **1 Peter 5:6-9**

ARE YOU IN REBELLION?

ARE YOU OBEDIENT TO GOD?

ARE YOU CURRENTLY MAKING PAYMENTS FOR SINS?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?