

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: To the Ends of the Earth
Text: Acts 28:17-31 (AM 12/02/07)

When we come to the last chapter in Acts we find Paul nearing the end of his journey. While the Apostle's ministry will soon come to a close his influence has never been greater! Even though Dr Luke will pen his last Spirit inspired line in verse 31, Canaan and every New Testament Church on the planet is writing a new chapter as you read these words. Recapping Acts we see the churches - *Establishment* through Peter (1-7); *Extension* through Persecution (8-12) and *Expansion* through Paul (12-28). The final message of Acts is *to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth* at all cost!

1st We are engaged in a difficult fight. (17-19)

"I was delivered as a prisoner..."

2nd We must keep our divine focus. (20)

"For the Hope of Israel I am bound in these chains"

3rd God will provide a distinctive forum. (21-22)

"But we desire to hear from you"

4th The Gospel is a dynamic force. (23)

"He explained and solemnly testified...persuading them concerning Jesus"

5th Some will reject the devotion of the Father. (24-27)

"Some disbelieved..."

6th Share where there is developing Faith. (28-29)

"They will hear it..."

7th We must build a deep Foundation. (30-31)

"Teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ."

Application to our life: Are you actively engaged in taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth? Is Canaan a *world mission's strategy center*? May we never forget that when we trusted Christ we were enlisted in an epic battle for the souls of men *to the ends of the earth*. The Father has left you on the planet *to live for His glory and tell His story*.