

New Testament Overview

Acts – II Corinthians

(Ac 2:41; 4:4)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "New Testament Overview."
 - a. We are looking at some brief history, and outline, and some lessons from each book.
3. With that in mind let us start where we left of last week when we finished Luke.
 - a. Let us begin with Acts.

I. Acts

A. History

1. Acts was written by Luke to Theophilus just like the book of Luke.
2. Luke is the only non-Jewish writer in the N.T.
3. You can see many instances of where Luke's medical background can be seen much like in the book of Luke.
 - i. **Ac 1:3; 3:7, 11; 9:18, 33...**
4. Luke was with Paul on many of the missionary trips that were taken.
 - i. This can be seen in the "we" and "us" used.
5. Peter, Stephen, Philip, Barnabas, and James are the major people in the first 12 chapters and Paul dominates from there.
6. With Christ making atonement for our sins the book of Acts reports on the development of the church to the Roman world.
 - i. We see the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

B. Outline

1. **(1:1-7)** Introductory remarks
2. **(1:8)** Theme: The gospel is to be preached through the world
 - i. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the world
3. **(1:9-26)** Preparations for the launching of Xianity
4. **(2:1-8:3)** Xianity presented to Jerusalem
5. **(8:4-40)** Xianity presented to Samaritans, Galileans, Proselytes
6. **(9:1-28:31)** Xianity presented to the world/Gentiles

C. Lessons Learned

1. We must teach the world
 - i. **Ac 2:39** "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."¹
 - ii. **Mt 28:19-20** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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- iii. **Mk 16:15** "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
- iv. **Ga 3:28** "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
2. They accomplished this task.
 - i. **Co 1:5-6, 23** "because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth...23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister."

II. Romans

A. History

1. Book written by the apostle Paul to the church at Rome.
2. The church of Christ in Rome was made up of mostly Gentiles.
3. Paul had wanted to visit Rome for a long time – **Ro 1:11**
 - i. Circumstances prevented him – **Ro 1:13; 15:22**
4. Brother Miller wrote concerning the book of Romans, "It is the N.T. premier, systematic, and comprehensive articulation of the Christian faith."

B. Outline

1. **(1:1-15)** Greeting and personal remarks
2. **(1:16-17)** Thematic statement
3. **(1:18-3:20)** The critical *need* for the gospel/righteousness
4. **(3:21-5:21)** The *need* is met through the gospel
5. **(6-8)** How the gospel correlates with law
6. **(9-11)** How the gospel correlates with the history of Judaism
7. **(12-15:13)** How the gospel applies to the daily Xian living
8. **(15:14-16:27)** Closing remarks, greetings, and admonitions

C. Lessons Learned

1. We cannot be ashamed of the gospel
 - i. **Ro 1:16-17** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith.'""
 - ii. **II Ti 1:8** "Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God"

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2. If we are not ashamed of God, God will not be ashamed of us
 - i. **Mk 8:38** "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.""
 - ii. **He 2:11** "For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren"
 - iii. **He 11:16** "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."

III. I Corinthians

A. History

1. City of Corinth was the Hollywood, Las Vegas, & New York City of the ancient world.
2. Corinth was a very diverse city with Romans, Greeks, and Orientals.
3. It was also a very wealth commerce city being on the coast.
4. It was so sexually immoral that the phrase, "to act the Corinthian," meant one was sexually immoral.
5. The church was establish around 50AD on Paul's second missionary journey where he stayed for about 1 ½ years.
6. The purpose of the second letter, **I Co 5:9**, our first letter to the Corinthians was to get them to stop being divisive.

B. Outline

1. **(1:1-9)** Introductory remarks
2. **(1:10-4:21)** Unnecessary division in the church
3. **(5-7)** Division pertaining to human sexuality
4. **(8-11:2)** Division pertaining to food & idolatry
5. **(11:3-14:40)** Division pertaining to the worship assembly
6. **(15)** Division pertaining to the resurrection of the dead
7. **(16:1-4)** How to properly handle the collection
8. **(16:5-24)** Closing admonitions

C. Lessons Learned

1. There is no room for division.
 - i. Three times Paul mentions there divisions
 - a. **I Co 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."
 - b. **I Co 3:3** "for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"

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- c. **I Co 11:18** "For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it."
- ii. Division is caused by sin.
 - a. **Ja 4:1-12**
- iii. Division is correct by Word of God and only the Word of God.
 - a. **I Co 1:10**

IV. II Corinthians

A. History

- 1. Paul wrote this letter as a follow up to the first letter.
 - i. Written anywhere from a few months to a year after I Corinthians.
- 2. I Corinthians dealt with the division of the church but II Corinthians deals with Paul's love for and approval of the positive response the Corinthians had.
 - i. Paul still however had to deal with the few that were against his apostleship.
 - ii. You see his frustration in **II Co 10:1**, "I beg/plead."

B. Outline

- 1. **(1:1-11)** Greeting, Introduction, & Thanksgiving
- 2. **(1:12-7:16)** Expressions of Paul's joy over the repentance of the Corinthians and Paul's assertions of his apostolic ministry
- 3. **(8-9)** Admonition to contribute to the financial plight of Judea
- 4. **(10:1-13:10)** Paul's defense of his apostolic authority and conduct
- 5. **(13:11-14)** Conclusion and farewell

C. Lessons Learned

- 1. There is to be joy when people repent.
 - i. **II Co 7:9** "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing."
 - ii. **Mt 18:13** "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray."
 - iii. **Lk 15** – 3 parables

CONCLUSION

- 1. Remember the words of the psalmist, inspired by God, who wrote, "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path" (**Ps 119:105**).
 - a. I hope these lessons are a light to your path as we examine Gods most precious word.
- 2. Question: Do I truly joyful concerning God's Word. Is it a lamp to my feet?

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3. Invitation

a. God's Plan of Salvation

- i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
- ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
- iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
- iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
- v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
- vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**