

Paul's Third Preaching Trip

- Acts 18:23-21:17
- Approximately 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 4–5 years
- Now we are in the last part of the return trip

Last Week

- Meeting with the Elders from Ephesus
 - Reminders, Instructions, Warnings, and Exhortations
- Wolves will come in
- From among the elders men would rise up speaking perverse (misleading) things
 - Watch & Remember
 - The word of His grace
 - Able to build you up
 - Give you an inheritance
- The word of His grace has the power to
 - Save you initially
 - Help you stay saved
 - It is the well-spring of our edification

Paul's example of self-sacrifice

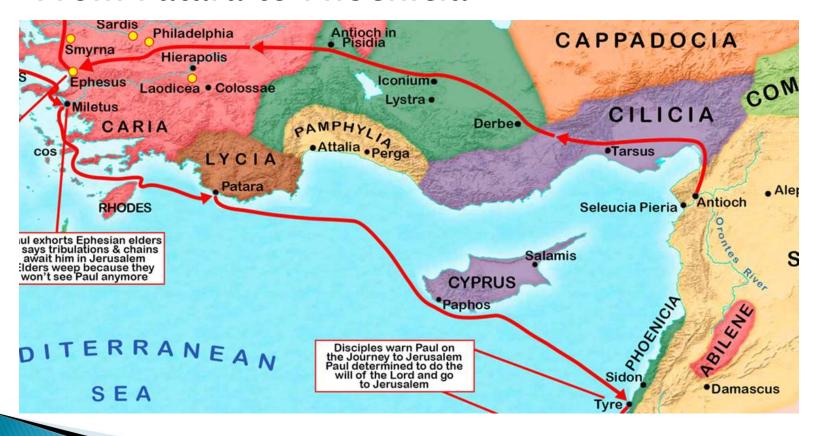
- Verse 34–35
- One thing to work to pay our own bills; another to work to pay our own and share with others too
 - Ephesians 4:28
- Elders need such an example to follow. We all do.
- Supporting the weak
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:14
 - Contrast to 1 Timothy 6:3-5

A tearful parting

- "They all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him"
- Greatest sorrow: that Paul said they would see his face no more
 - Paul, a father in the faith to those he taught
 - 1 Corinthians 4:15
- They accompanied him to the ship

Acts 21 - Completing the Journey to Jerusalem

- From Miletus to Cos, Rhodes, and Patara
- From Patara to Phoenicia



Acts 21 - Small world...or Large Family?

- Christians along the way
 - Tyre
 - Seven days
 - Accompanied him to the shore and prayed together
 - Ptolemais
 - About 30 miles south of Tyre
 - Greeted the brethren; stayed one day
 - Caesarea
 - Paul has been here before
 - Acts 9:30, 18:22

Philip, an evangelist

- "Evangelist"
 - Ephesians 4:11
 - 2 Timothy 4:5
- Acts 6:5 one of the seven
- Acts 8 preaching in Samaria
- Acts 8:26ff preaching to the Ethiopian treasurer
- Four daughters who prophesied
- Hospitable "we stayed many days"

Another pleading to Paul

- Agabus, a prophet
 - Acts 11:28
- Holy Spirit says what will happen to Paul
- Paul's traveling companions and those in Caesarea pled with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem
- Paul: "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart?"
 - Ready to be bound
 - Read to die for the name of the Lord Jesus
- "The will of the Lord be done"