



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
 - Ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus
- ▶ "The will of the Lord be done"

