



Last Week

- ▶ Finding brethren along the way on his return trip
 - Tyre – stayed 7 days
 - Ptolemais
 - Caesarea – stayed many days
 - Philip the evangelist
 - Agabus came prophesying of Paul being delivered into the hands of the Gentiles
- ▶ Paul is “ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus”

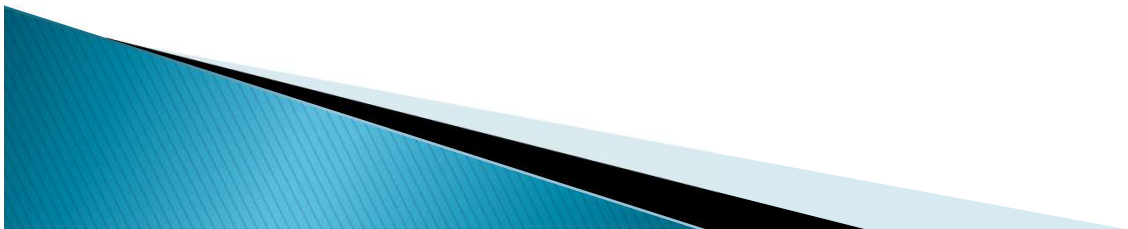


Onward to Jerusalem

- ▶ Approximately 65 miles SE of Caesarea
- ▶ End of 3rd journey
 - Acts 18:23–21:17
 - Approximately 2800–3000 miles
 - About 4–5 years
- ▶ Ministry to be accomplished in Jerusalem:
 - Romans 15:25–32
 - What it demonstrated and what it accomplished
 - 2 Corinthians 9:10–15



- ▶ Their Reception by the church in Jerusalem
 - “received us gladly”
- ▶ With James and the elders
 - Paul told in detail the work of God among the Gentiles through his ministry
 - They glorified the Lord
- ▶ False reports of Paul
 - That he teaches all the Jews among the Gentiles
 - To forsake Moses, saying
 - They ought not to circumcise their children
 - They ought not to walk according to the customs



- ▶ What did Paul teach and practice?
 - Following the customs of Moses was a liberty
- ▶ Remember the case of Timothy
 - Acts 16:3
 - 1 Corinthians 9:19–22
- ▶ Then there's the case of Titus
 - Galatians 2:2–5
 - Galatians 5:4; Acts 13:38–39; Galatians 3:26–27
- ▶ A big difference between “you must be circumcised” and “you can be circumcised”



- ▶ The Law of Moses was more than a spiritual law.
- ▶ It was civil, national and social also.
- ▶ When a Jew obeyed Christ, national and social customs were not necessarily ceased
- ▶ There's a big difference between that and a Gentile leaving idolatry
 - They had to cease their idolatrous practices
 - Today, one's sinful or unlawful practices must cease when they obey the gospel



- ▶ The proposal
 - Take the four men who have taken a vow, be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads
 - Will show the accusations against Paul to be false
- ▶ It has already been made clear to believing Gentiles that they should observe “no such thing”, except...
 - Acts 15:29

