

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

THE END



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THE END – STORY OF PAUL

DELIVERANCE AT LAST

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 28:17** THREE DAYS LATER HE CALLED TOGETHER THE LEADERS OF THE JEWS. WHEN THEY HAD ASSEMBLED, PAUL SAID TO THEM: "MY BROTHERS, ALTHOUGH I HAVE DONE NOTHING AGAINST OUR PEOPLE OR AGAINST THE CUSTOMS OF OUR ANCESTORS, I WAS ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM AND HANDED OVER TO THE ROMANS... ²¹ THEY REPLIED, "WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY LETTERS FROM JUDEA CONCERNING YOU, AND NONE OF THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE COME FROM THERE HAS REPORTED OR SAID ANYTHING BAD ABOUT YOU. ²² BUT WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOUR VIEWS ARE, FOR WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE TALKING AGAINST THIS SECT."

PRAYER ANSWERED / PROMISE DELIVERED

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 19:21** AFTER ALL THIS HAD HAPPENED, PAUL DECIDED TO GO TO JERUSALEM, PASSING THROUGH MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA. "AFTER I HAVE BEEN THERE," HE SAID, "I MUST VISIT ROME ALSO."
- ^{NIV} **ACTS 23:11** THE FOLLOWING NIGHT THE LORD STOOD NEAR PAUL AND SAID, "TAKE COURAGE! AS YOU HAVE TESTIFIED ABOUT ME IN JERUSALEM, SO YOU MUST ALSO TESTIFY IN ROME."
- ^{NIV} **ACTS 28:30** FOR TWO WHOLE YEARS PAUL STAYED THERE IN HIS OWN RENTED HOUSE AND WELCOMED ALL WHO CAME TO SEE HIM. ³¹ BOLDLY AND WITHOUT HINDRANCE HE PREACHED THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TAUGHT ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

EPILOGUE

- PAUL ENTERED ROME IN AD 60
- STOOD TRIAL BEFORE NERO IN AD 62
- BEHEADED UNDER REIGN OF NERO AD 64-68

HAPPY ENDING

- ^{ESV} **PHILIPPIANS 1:21** FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN. ²² IF I AM TO LIVE IN THE FLESH, THAT MEANS FRUITFUL LABOR FOR ME. YET WHICH I SHALL CHOOSE I CANNOT TELL. ²³ I AM HARD PRESSED BETWEEN THE TWO. MY DESIRE IS TO DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST, FOR THAT IS FAR BETTER.
- ^{ESV} **2 CORINTHIANS 5:8** YES, WE ARE OF GOOD COURAGE, AND WE WOULD RATHER BE AWAY FROM THE BODY AND AT HOME WITH THE LORD.
- ^{NIV} **PHILIPPIANS 3:10** I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH,

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

- ^{NIV} **ACTS 1:7** HE SAID TO THEM: "IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR DATES THE FATHER HAS SET BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY. ⁸ BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."





BUILDING THE CHURCH

- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 16:18** AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.
- ^{NIV} **EPHESIANS 3:10** HIS INTENT WAS THAT NOW, THROUGH THE CHURCH, THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS,
- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 12:28** THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN, LET US BE THANKFUL, AND SO WORSHIP GOD ACCEPTABLY WITH REVERENCE AND AWE,



LIVING WITH PURPOSE – THE CHURCH

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 2:42** AND THEY WERE CONTINUALLY DEVOTING THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER. ⁴³ AND EVERYONE KEPT FEELING A SENSE OF AWE ...
 - PREACHING OF THE WORD, FELLOWSHIP, LORD'S SUPPER, PRAYER, WORSHIP
- ^{NAS} **ACTS 20:7** AND ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN WE WERE GATHERED TOGETHER TO BREAK BREAD, PAUL BEGAN TALKING TO THEM, INTENDING TO DEPART THE NEXT DAY, AND HE PROLONGED HIS MESSAGE UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
 - FOCAL POINT HAD BECOME LORD'S SUPPER, SUPPORTED BY PREACHING OF THE WORD

OUR DECISION

- WE CAN BE THE CHURCH
 - KNOX CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
- WE CAN PLAY CHURCH
 - KNOX CHRISTIAN REFORMED SOCIAL CLUB

LIVING WITH PURPOSE - CHRISTIANS

- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 2:9** BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO HAS CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT;

IN WORD AND DEED

- ^{NIV} **1 PETER 4:11** IF ANYONE SPEAKS, HE SHOULD DO IT AS ONE SPEAKING THE VERY WORDS OF GOD. IF ANYONE SERVES, HE SHOULD DO IT WITH THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE PRAISED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND THE POWER FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.
- ^{NIV} **PHILIPPIANS 2:15** SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME BLAMELESS AND PURE, CHILDREN OF GOD WITHOUT FAULT IN A CROOKED AND DEPRAVED GENERATION, IN WHICH YOU SHINE LIKE STARS IN THE UNIVERSE ¹⁶ AS YOU HOLD OUT THE WORD OF LIFE-- IN ORDER THAT I MAY BOAST ON THE DAY OF CHRIST THAT I DID NOT RUN OR LABOR FOR NOTHING.

THROUGH THE LORD'S SUPPER

- ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 11:26** FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.

OUR DECISION

- WE CAN BE CHRISTIANS
- WE CAN PLAY CHRISTIAN



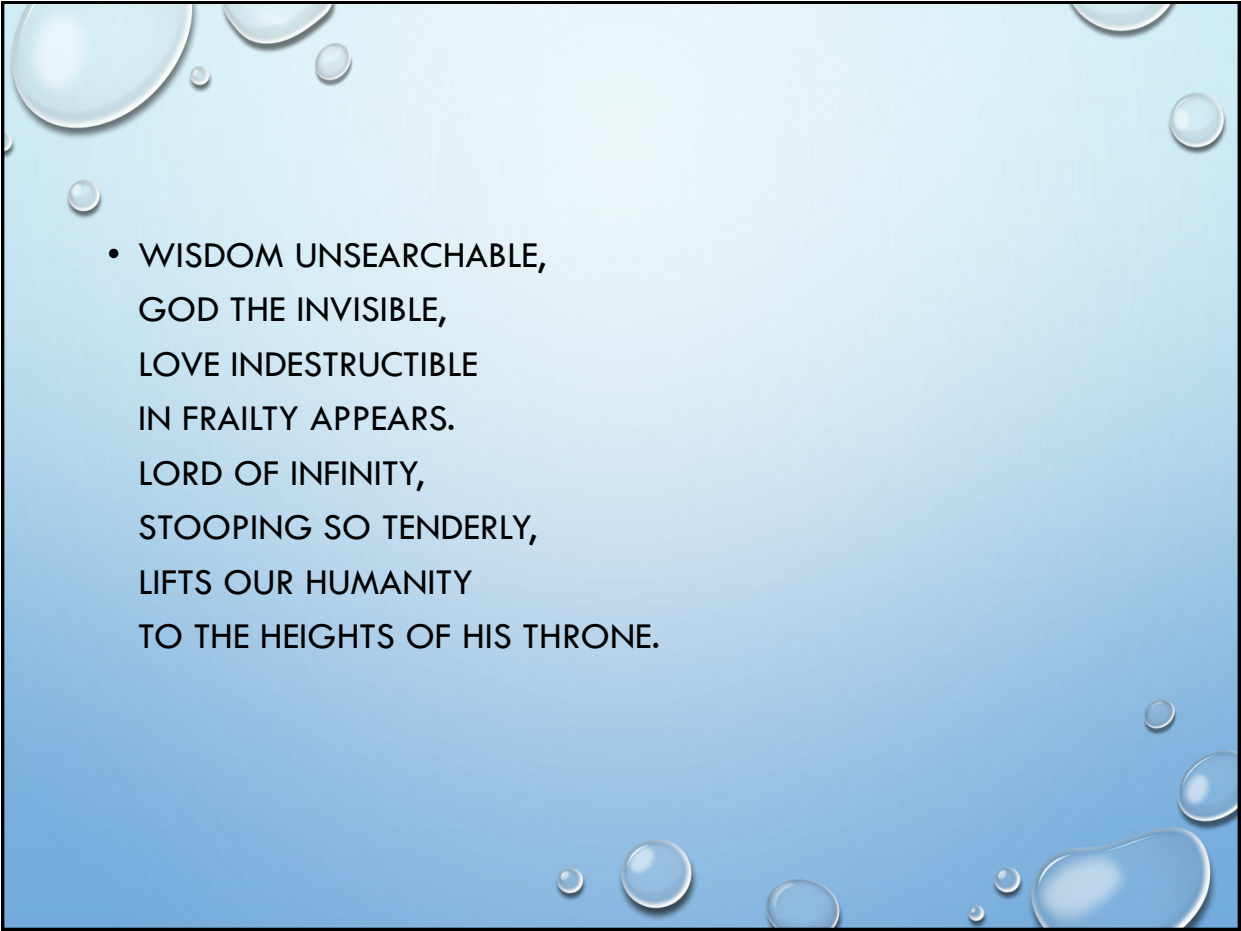
CONCLUSION

WE'RE A WORK IN PROGRESS

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THE WORK HAS AN END

- ^{NAS} **REVELATION 22:16** "I, JESUS, HAVE SENT MY ANGEL TO TESTIFY TO YOU THESE THINGS FOR THE CHURCHES. I AM THE ROOT AND THE OFFSPRING OF DAVID, THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR." ¹⁷ AND THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, "COME." AND LET THE ONE WHO HEARS SAY, "COME." AND LET THE ONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME; LET THE ONE WHO WISHES TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE WITHOUT COST... ²⁰ HE WHO TESTIFIES TO THESE THINGS SAYS, "YES, I AM COMING QUICKLY." AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

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- WISDOM UNSEARCHABLE,
GOD THE INVISIBLE,
LOVE INDESTRUCTIBLE
IN FRAILTY APPEARS.
LORD OF INFINITY,
STOOPING SO TENDERLY,
LIFTS OUR HUMANITY
TO THE HEIGHTS OF HIS THRONE.