

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

“Last Days Living: Who Was Paul?” I Thessalonians 1:1

INTRODUCTION

- Acts 20:4; Romans 1:16; Romans 15:20; Philippians 1:20; I Corinthians 10:31

EXPOSITION

- **The Roman Empire and Tarsus**

- Galatians 1:14; Philippians 3:5-6; I Corinthians 15:9; Acts 7:54-8:3

- **Paul's Conversion (Acts 9)**

- **Missionary Journey #1**

- a. _____ (A.D. 47-48)
- b. Stops along the way - Antioch, Seleucia, Cyprus, Paphos, Perga, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe
- c. 2-year journey, covering about 1,235 miles
- d. Highlights – going to the local synagogues to preach the Gospel, persecution, stoned and left for dead, taking the Gospel to the Gentiles, met with Christians in Jerusalem to discuss circumcision, met Peter and James

- **Missionary Journey #2**

- a. _____ (A.D. 49-52)
- b. Stops along the way - Cyprus, Antioch, Cilicia, Derbe, Lystra, Phrygia, Galatia, Mythia, Bithynia, Troas, Neapolis, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Cenchrea, Ephesus, Caesarea, Antioch, and Jerusalem
- c. 3-year journey, covering about 2,700 miles

- d. Highlights – “falling out” over the usefulness of John and one missionary team became two missionary teams: Barnabas and John Mark and then Paul and Silas, also met Timothy, Lydia, and Aquila and Priscilla

- **Missionary Journey #3**

- a. _____ (A.D. 52-56)
- b. Stops along the way - Antioch, Galatia, Phrygia, Ephesus, Macedonia, Greece, Philippi, Troas, Coos, Rhodes, Patara, Tyre, Ptolemais, and Caesarea
- c. 5-year journey, covering about 2,500 miles
- d. Highlights – stayed in Asia Minor, Eutychus died falling out of a window while Paul was preaching and then raised from the dead

- Acts 20:18-24

- **The Gospel According to Paul**

- a. _____ (Romans 1:16; Galatians 3:11)
- b. Our universal need (Romans 3:22-23)
- c. _____ (Romans 4-5)
- d. Freedom from _____ (Romans 6:2, 4)
- e. Freedom from _____ (Romans 7:6, 11, 25)
- f. Freedom from _____ (Romans 8:15, 31-39)

- **Paul's Sufferings (II Corinthians 11)**

- **Paul's Network of Friends (59 Total?)**

- **Paul's Final Days**

- II Timothy 4:7-8

CONCLUSION

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) When Paul went to a city to evangelize, he went to where the people were. What lesson(s) can we take from that example?
- 2) What are some defining characteristics of the Apostle Paul that are worth emulating?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *Why I Love the Apostle Paul* by John Piper