

/We will now begin the twentieth lecture on Acts./We will cover chapter 28./The title of chapter 28 is "Rome." /The following are the main subjects.

/First, the people of Malta accepts Jesus./ Verses 1-10. /Second, believers receive Paul./Verses 11-15. /Third, /Paul evangelizes to the people in Rome./Verses 16-24./ Fourth, the Jews don't believe Jesus so the gospel is spread to the Gentiles./ Verses 25-29./ Fifth, Paul evangelizes for two years in while in jail. /Verses 30-31.

/In Acts 27, Paul encountered a storm./He faced the storm after he left a harbor in Crete./ He suffered 14 days in the storm.

/Yet, by the grace of God, he arrived on the island of Malta./Then all 276 people were saved./ In the beginning of this chapter is the story of the island of Malta.

/Read verse 1./ Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.

/They arrived at the island./ This island was called Malta./ Malta was the island close to the Isle of Sicilia, which is close to Italy.

/Verse 2. /The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

/There were natives who lived there./They warmly welcomed Paul and his companions who were ship wrecked.

/Verses 3-5. /Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

/They were cold because it was raining and they were wet./ Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and put it on the fire./Paul had a mind for serving others./This is faith that makes sacrifices and serves others./

/Jesus also said He came to serve others./Matthew 20:28 / When Paul put brushwood on the fire, a snake fastened itself on Paul's hand./The natives said, "This man must be a murderer."/

/They said "Even though he escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live."/ They thought that Paul had committed a serious sin./However, a few minutes later the snake died in the fire./

/Paul had no sign of injury./ God had protected him./ Mark 16:17-18 say that these signs will accompany those who believe./They will drive out demons in the name of Jesus./ When they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all.

/If they pick up snakes, they will not bite./This word was fulfilled./We may suffer when we spread the gospel and obey God./ However, God will protect us at that moment whether we notice or not./

/Still, don't eat poison just so you can test God./We must not experiment with deadly snakes to see whether or not we will survive their bite./This word was not given for us to test./It is saying that God will help us when we obey him.

/God will help us when we are in great danger./Psalm 91:12-13/ We may be in danger when we live by faith./God will help us in those moments.

/However, Satan misuses these words./Satan said to Jesus, "Throw yourself down to see if God will protect you."

/Satan tests Jesus in Matthew 4./ Satan told Jesus to test God if he would protect Him or not./ God will protect us through angels when we walk by faith.

/Verse 6. /The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead, but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

/They expected Paul to fall dead but nothing happened./ Then they called Paul a god./They were mistaken.

/It is good to respect our pastors and servants of God./ However, we must not serve them as gods./ We must worship God only.

/Verses 7-10. /There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. They honored us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

/There was the chief official of the island named Publius./ He welcomed Paul and his companions./ His father was suffering from fever and dysentery.

/Therefore, Paul went in to see him and after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him./ Then the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.

/Thus, people who welcomed Paul received blessings./ We will be blessed if we welcome servants of God and receive the gospel.

/Verses 11-14. /After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island. It was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux. We put in at Syracuse and stayed there three days. From there we set sail and arrived at Rhegium. The next day the south wind came up, and on the following day we reached Puteoli. There we found some brothers who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome.

/After three months, Paul put out to the sea in a ship that had wintered on the island./ The ship's figurehead was twin gods of Castor and Pollux./ Then he went to Syracuse./ From there he went to

Rhegium./ Then he finally went to Rome.

/Syracuse is the capital city of Sicilia./ Rhegium is located on the southern tip of the Italian peninsula.

/Puteoli is located 220 kilometers south from Rome./Some brothers and sisters heard that Paul was coming and invited him./ Paul taught them the word of God.

/Verse 15. /The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged.

/He had to walk all the way from Puteoli to Rome./ Forum of Appius is 73 kilometers from Rome./ Three Taverns is 56 kilometers from Rome./ The brothers and sisters served Paul very well./ Then finally, he arrived at Rome.

/Let's look at the map here./ Paul left Caesarea as a prisoner./ He arrived at Sidon from Caesarea and took a ship departing north of Cyprus,/to Mura,/ across Lido,/ and then to Crete./

/He stayed at the southern harbor in Crete,/ left there and ran into a storm./ He suffered 14 days./ Then in 28:1, he arrived at Malta.

/From Malta he passed through Syacuse in Sicilia,/ through Rhegium,/which is located on the southern tip of Italy,/then from there he went to Puteoli,/ Appius,/ and next Three Taverns,/ and finally he arrived in Rome.

/Verse 16. /When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

/Paul finally arrived in Rome./ The centurion gave him special favor./ Even though he was a prisoner, the soldier guarded him./ The centurion allowed Paul to have some freedom./

/Then Paul got an opportunity to evangelize to the Jews.

/Everybody was allowed visit him./ The centurion showed him favor so that he could meet people and talk to them.

/Verses 17-20. /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. They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar-- not that I had any charge to bring against my own people. For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

/Paul met the Jews three days after arriving in Rome./ He invited Jewish leaders and spread the gospel./Paul explained the reason why he came to Rome.

/He also explained who he was and the reason why he was in chains./ Paul said that he did nothing

against the Jews./

/The Jews had accused him, so he was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar./He said that it was because of the hope of Israel that he was bound with chains.

/The reason why Paul was in chains was that he had testified to Jesus Christ who is the hope of Israel./ Paul introduced Jesus to them./He taught that Jesus is the Messiah who the Jews were waiting for./Paul testified about Jesus to whoever he met.

/Verse 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.

/Verses 22-23. /But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect." They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. From morning till evening he explained and declared to them the kingdom of God and tried to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

/The Jews wanted to know about the sect and its beliefs./ Thus, they set the date and came to meet Paul./ Paul diligently taught from morning to evening.

/Paul explained Jesus from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets./ God gave him the opportunity to spread the gospel./ He witnessed to them from morning till evening.

/Verse 24. /Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe.

/Some of them believed what he said, but others would not believe./ A few people believed, but most of them did not.

/Verses 25-27. /They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when he said through Isaiah the prophet: "Go to this people and say, "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving." For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

/Most of the Jews did not believe what he said and left./ Paul said that this was to fulfill what the prophet said./ Isaiah 6:9-10/ Paul quoted Isaiah./ It says that they will be hearing but never understanding.

/God foretold that the Jews would be calloused./ They would not receive God's word./God will not save them, but judge them./

/Here it says, "understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."/ This passage teaches that God does not want the unchosen to return.

/It is proof that those who deny the gospel will be destroyed. /2 Chronicles 25:16/ In this way, the Jews did not listen to the gospel that Paul preached.

/Verse 28. /"Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

/Because the Jews didn't believe the gospel, it was sent to the Gentiles. / The gospel about Jesus was first preached to the Jews./ It was sent to the Jews first./ Jesus came to the world as a Jewish man.

/The 12 disciples of Jesus were Jewish people./ The gospel was spread in Judea first./ Matthew 10:5-6 / Acts 13:46 /18:5 / 26:20/ However, the Jews rejected the gospel so it was sent to the Gentiles./

/Just because the Jews did not accept the gospel, does not mean that the gospel failed./Rather, the gospel was spread to the world beyond Judea./ The gospel was proclaimed all around the world.

/That's why today people like you and me today have been saved through faith in Jesus. /God's truth and salvation will continue to grow.

/Lastly, verses 30-31./For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

/Paul preached the gospel in his jail, his own rented house./ This rented house was a type of prison./ He was a prisoner who had some of freedom./ Hence, he spread the gospel diligently for two years./

/He evangelized to anyone who came to visit him./ He preached the gospel boldly wherever he was whether in prison or in suffering. /God gave Paul the opportunity to evangelize.

/He had chance to spread the gospel even though he was in chains as a prisoner./ Hence, the gospel was spread to Rome./ Rome was the world's strongest nation at the time./ Rome conquered the whole world.

/The gospel began to spread in Rome./ Because of that, the gospel spread to the whole world./ Thus, Paul and many servants of God in Acts evangelized and proclaimed the gospel diligently.

/Jesus commanded in 1:8 "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."/Jesus' disciples spread the gospel to the ends of the earth./ They obeyed Jesus' command./ They saved many lives.

/Because they spread the gospel and because others spread the gospel, we have come to believe in Jesus./Therefore, we should proclaim the gospel to our neighbors./We must evangelize not only in our countries where we live, but in other nations as well.

/This concludes the lecture on chapter 28 of Acts./

/We will continue with a brief lecture on "Pneumatology: Theology of the Holy Spirit."

/This is about the Holy Spirit./The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity./ God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one./ They are three persons in one God./The Holy Spirit is same as God and the

Son./The Holy Spirit has a personality.

/He has knowledge, emotion, and will./We must know and feel and have the will to do something./ Knowledge, emotion, and will make up our personality./ God the Father predestined./ God the Son completed redemption.

/The Holy Spirit applied redemption to our lives./First, we will discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament./The work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.

/The Holy Spirit existed in the Old Testament times./Psalm 51:11/" Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me."/ Exodus 35:31/ "and he has filled him with the Spirit of God."/Also, Deuteronomy 34:9, /1 Samuel 19:20, /1 Samuel 16:13, /Daniel 4:9, /2 Kings 2:9

/The Holy Spirit was working in the Old Testament as well./ Not only that, but the Holy Spirit worked from the day Jesus was born until before the Pentecost./Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit./ Matthew 1:18 /Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit./ Luke 1:41

/Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit. /Luke 1:67/ Also, Luke 1:15/ Matthew 16:17

/Then the Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost./ The Holy Spirit came as "Helper" at the Pentecost./ John 14:16-17/ John 16:7 /"Helper" /means advocate,/ comforter,/ lawyer.

/The Holy Spirit came as "Helper" at the Pentecost./The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the Helper Holy Spirit in the New Testament is the same Holy Spirit./They are not different.

/The Holy Spirit who worked in the Old Testament and the Holy Spirit who worked in the New Testament is the same person. / However, they worked differently./ The Holy Spirit who worked in the Old Testament times came as the Helper Holy Spirit at the Pentecost.

/They are the same Holy Spirit./ He is the Trinity God./ Only, the Holy Spirit descended as the Helper Holy Spirit on the Pentecost./ For example, there was a Father.

/He was a mayor before, but now he came home as a president./ He is still the same father./ Yet, at one time he came home as a mayor and at later he came as a president.

/The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament times and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament times is the same Holy Spirit./However, the Holy Spirit who came on the Pentecost came as Helper./ This Holy Spirit worked differently.

/The work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was not as abundant./That does not mean that the Holy Spirit was weak. The Holy Spirit is almighty./The truth was dim in the Old Testament times./The Old Testament taught that Christ would come.

/In the Old Testament times, people gave sacrifice offerings of oxen and sheep. /People followed rituals and believed in the coming Christ./Therefore, the truth was a little dim in the Old Testament times.

/Yet, now, Christ actually has come in the New Testament period./The Old Testament was like a shadow and the New Testament is the truth./ The Old Testament was like the picture./The New Testament is reality.

/For example, a father went abroad for work./ He took a picture and sent it home./ The father would be in the picture./ However, the father came back home after making a lot of money./ Now, the father in the picture had come home.

/We wouldn't need the picture anymore./ Thus, the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament worked with the dim truth./ The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament guided Israelites with rituals.

/However, the Helper Holy Spirit in the New Testament worked with the complete truth of redemption./ Jesus actually came./ Jesus died on the cross./ He rose again./ He ascended into heaven./He completed redemption.

/The truth was fulfilled./Therefore, the Helper Holy Spirit works with the completed truth./The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the Helper Holy Spirit is the same./He is God Almighty.

/However, the works of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was not as abundant./The truth was dim. / Yet, now, the Helper Holy Spirit works in stronger ways./The Almighty Holy Spirit works powerfully with the truth.

/For example, there was a pilot./ There was a propeller plane in the past./ Its engine spun around./ Yet, now, we have jets./ People even use space shuttles to go into space.

/Yet, there was a pilot who could operate the propeller plane, the jet, and the rocket ship well./It is the same person./Yet, when he operates a propeller plane he can't go fast.

/However, he could go really fast if he flew a rocket./ It is the same person but he could go fast or slow depending on what he flew./The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and in the New Testament are the same.

/However, the Helper Holy Spirit works powerfully with the fulfilled truth./Therefore, the gospel spread faster in the New Testament period./The Holy Spirit who came at the Pentecost worked all throughout the New Testament period./

/The Holy Spirit did not come at the Pentecost in the times of the early church and leave. /The Helper Holy Spirit works until the world comes to an end. /The Holy Spirit will come to us when we believe in Jesus.

/Then the Holy Spirit will never leave us./ Once we believe Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and lives in us and will never leave us./ If this is so, then what does it mean when people say, "The Holy Spirit has come, and the Holy Spirit has gone"?

/Jeremiah 23:24/ "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD./ Therefore, "The Holy Spirit has come" means that we are guided and directed by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

/"The Holy Spirit has gone" means that there is no longer inspiration by the Holy Spirit./When we believe in Jesus the Holy Spirit resides in us./ 1 Corinthians 3:16

/Now, let us look at what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit./ We must not think that the Holy Spirit is a material in any way./For example, there is a cup./Then there is water in the cup.

/The cup can be half full or two-thirds full./ We must not think of the Holy Spirit in this way.

/The Holy Spirit is a personal God./When the Holy Spirit comes, He comes fully at once. /The Holy Spirit does not come to those who do not believe in Jesus.

/Then what does it mean to be "filled with the Holy Spirit"?" / To be "filled with the Holy Spirit" means to receive complete guidance and direction from God./The Holy Spirit always guides us to the truth./John 16:13/ Therefore, the Holy Spirit guides us to the truth of the Bible.

/Hence, we can be filled with the Holy Spirit when we are guided by the Holy Spirit and obey the truth./ That means that we must surrender our thoughts,/surrender our will,/and follow guidance of the Holy Spirit. /Ephesians 5:18

/We must make the effort to be filled with the Holy Spirit./We can be filled with the Holy Spirit, but it is hard always be filled with the Holy Spirit./Therefore, we must continuously make an effort to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

/In addition, /baptism of the Holy Spirit happens once./When we believe in Jesus, we are baptized by the Holy Spirit./I've already spoken about the baptism of the Holy Spirit in lecture 1.

/Therefore, we are baptized by the Holy Spirit once when we believe in Jesus./ To be filled with Holy Spirit is to be filled with God's word, and we must make an effort to obey the words of God./To be filled with the Holy Spirit, we must continually receive guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit.

/Therefore, we must try hard to be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit./The disciples of Jesus believed in Jesus before the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost./ They believed in Jesus by the Holy Spirit of the Old Testament./They were born again at the time./1 Corinthians 12:3/1 John 5:1

/Peter confessed his faith./ He confessed his faith by the Holy Spirit./ Matthew 16:16/ However, why did the disciples need to receive the Holy Spirit again?/This was because they were born again by the Holy Spirit of the Old Testament./

/Therefore, they received the Holy Spirit again on the day of the Pentecost./ In the Old Testament times, people worshiped God with rituals of the Law./Now in the New Testament times, the Helper Holy Spirit works through the complete truth.

/Therefore, the disciples needed to receive the Helper Holy Spirit again./However, today, believers in the New Testament times, all the believers after the Pentecost, were born again through the Helper Holy Spirit.

/After the Pentecost, all the believers were born again by the Helper Holy Spirit./Therefore, we do not need to receive the Holy Spirit again.

/Whoever believes in Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit./Whoever believes in Jesus is baptized by the Holy Spirit./ 1 Corinthians 12:3

/Next, we will study gifts of the Holy Spirit./The gifts of the Holy Spirit is in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11./ Romans 12:7/ Ephesians 4:11-12

/God gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit to believers according to his will.
/We must not use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for ourselves, but use it for the church.

/Here we spoke briefly about Pneumatology. /Here we will conclude the twentieth lecture on Acts.
/Thank you.