

Paul's Message (Acts 28:30-31)

Book of Acts ends with Paul's arrival in Rome. God changed Europe by using the faithful servant of Jesus. Because of Paul's entrance in Rome - although it was as a shabby prisoner - whole Europe was shaken spiritually. How? Gospel has power. **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile (Romans 1:16)** What will happen when Gospel comes on us? **"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18)**

Deficient state(poor): spiritual and physical environment.

Spiritual poor means separation from God. Since Adam and Eve's sins, all of us fell off spiritual poor. We are full of worries, fear, despair, jealousy, struggle and anger. There is no peace, joy, faith, hope and love in us, not knowing where we come from - heading for, empty in spirit - as poor. Jesus came to give The Good News to us. Jesus on the Cross cleanses all of our sins, burn out all of dirty things in our mind. Brought in richness in heaven instead. When we accept Jesus as our Lord, we will be free from worldly power and Satan. And will be filled with righteousness, joy, peace, faith, hope and love of God. Believing in Jesus leads us be rich inner person. It is the power of Gospel.

Physical poor. Because of the fall from Eden, we live through painful toil and eat food from it all the days of our life. However, Jesus came on us to get rid of it, free us from cursed in this world with Gospel. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: **"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."** He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.(Galatians 3:13-14) **"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich(2 Corin 8:9) I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.(3 John: 2)** Jesus is our source of blessings, who wants us to help others, share this Good News of the grace of God.

Paul's Message at Rome. "He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! (Acts 28:31)

1. **The kingdom of Heaven** Worldly people do not know the kingdom of Heaven (They think this world is like people in the times of Ark of Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah). However, the kingdom of Heaven and worldly life coexisted. (Holy Spirit and Evil Spirit) We should be alert and awake all the times and be strong in spirit. Bible says **"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)**

2. **Proclaim Jesus Christ “He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! (Acts 28:31)** Paul proclaimed Jesus because only blood of Jesus is the way of salvation. His concern is only living Jesus after resurrection nothing else. Only personal acceptance Jesus could save us not by biblical knowledge or good deeds. **“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)** How Paul proclaimed Gospel and devote his life? Because he heard the voice of Jesus on the way to Damascus.

Personal Experience/ Transformation/ Worship We should have personal experience to be witness of Jesus as well as courage. **“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life (1 John 1:1)** If faith is not accompanied by action it is dead. Faith should have deeds. Bible shows Faith as action in book of Hebrews chapter 11(By faith Abel brought God a better offering, Noah built an ark, Abraham offered Isaac...) **“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. (James 2:19)**

We should be transformed and move forward when we received God’s Word. This is the Worship to God. **“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)** What is worshipping God? it is not increasing knowledge by sermon but Transforming from ourselves to become a servant of Jesus. Admit Jesus as our Lord and confess that we are sinner and move forward - commitment.

Believers and Unbelievers though Paul testified. **“Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:(Acts 28:24-25)** We should be believers and never be the one who goes back and forth to an unbeliever. Just rely on Word of God and not our own thoughts when you have conflict in faith.

We should continue to add/write Acts chapter 29 “For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! (Acts 28:30) Ending of Book of Acts does not seem over but still to be: miracles and wonders by the people who spread Gospel and work of Holy Spirit. All of us should record our own acts like Paul and Luke.