



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Acts Lesson 14 Lecture Notes
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Ephesians 3:1-13

“By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now...to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, of which I was made a minister...”

I. Paul’s ministry Galatians 1-2.

- 1. Paul’s _____ in Damascus and ministry in Damascus and surrounding region 3 years. Acts 9; Galatians 1:11-17*
- 2. Conversion of _____ in Caesarea Acts 10*
- 3. Paul’s Jerusalem meeting with Peter and James Galatians 1:18-20*
- 4. 10-14 years _____ Galatians 1:21-2:2*
- 5. Revival in _____ with Barnabas Acts 11:19-26*
- 6. Paul and Barnabas _____ missionary journey Acts 13-14*
- 7. Paul and Barnabas attend the Jerusalem _____ Acts 15*

II. Paul’s message

- 1. Salvation only by _____ through _____ in Christ alone Galatians 2:15-16*
- 2. _____ emphasis Galatians 2:7-8*

III. 3 necessary _____ of salvation by faith versus works. Acts 15:6-11

- 1. _____ – knowledge Acts 15:7*

Knowledge -true faith is based on knowledge of divinely revealed truth Galatians 2:16 (knowing that a man is justified by faith...); Romans 6:8-9 (knowing that); 2 Corinthians 4:13-14 (we speak knowing...); 1 Peter 5:9 (firm in the faith knowing...). The truth of the gospel provides a factual, historical, and intellectual basis for our faith.

- 2. _____ – assent vs.8-9*

Assent- to wholeheartedly embrace the truth (knowledge) of one’s sinfulness and Christ’s ability to save him. To be absolutely _____ of one’s inability to change his spiritual condition. Hebrews 11:1, 3:14—“Faith is the _____ of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.”

Assurance-hupostasis- to stand under. The _____ or ground on which something is built. Refers to faith as a supernatural _____ about the truth of the Bible and Christ’s ability to save.

3. _____ - trust vs.10-11

Trust-a self-commitment to Christ; a transference of _____ upon ourselves and all human resources to reliance upon Christ alone for salvation. Moves from “believing that” to “believing in.” Philippians 3:3-9; Romans 10:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21

The one who trusts in Christ places himself in the custody of Christ for both life and death. Yet true faith never remains _____ but immediately goes to work, not as a means of earning divine favor, but having received the grace of God that works mightily within us through the presence of the Spirit. Colossians 1:29; Philippians 2:12-13.

IV. _____ of salvation by faith in contrast to Law

1. It is received as a _____ from God not through self-effort.

Ephesians 2:8-9; John 4:10.

Man cannot get it on his own. “Without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

2. True faith internally changes our _____ in contrast to outward compliance or behavior _____.

*Believers now are _____ with Christ – Colossians 3:3-4;

Galatians 2:20

*We _____ with Him – Romans 6:8; Colossians 2:20

* We were _____ with Him- Romans 6:3-4

*We have been _____ with Him- Ephesians 2:5-6; Colossians 3:1

* We are _____ with Him in heaven -Ephesians 2:6

* We are _____ Christ -1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:17;

1 John 5:20; John 5:56, 15:4; 1 John 4:13

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

“Therefore, from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”