

# Saul, Paul and Acts

- Rulers of The Land
- Transitions in the New Testament
- Saul – Paul
- Acts 9+

# What is truth?

Truth of the Gospel			
John 14:6		Jesus is the TRUTH	
John 16:16,17		Thy WORD is TRUTH	
John 18:36-38		What is truth?	
2 Tim 2:15		What are we to rightly divide? Truth from truth	
Galatians was most likely written in Acts 16:6 (not 18:23)			
Gal 2:4		FALSE Brethren (Acts 15:1)	FALSE ="not true"
Gal 2:5		Truth of the Gospel	
Gal 2:14		Violation of truth	
Gal 3:1		Obey the truth	
Gal 3:16		Enemies of the truth	
Gal 5:2		Paul tells Jews and Gentiles not to be circumcised	
Gal 6:15-18		How do you parse verse 16?	

SO: In Christ, we are a new creature!

# Transitions

Transitions					
	From	To	To	To	
1	John the Baptist	Jesus	The 12 (11) and 120	Peter	GRACE
2	The 12	Back to 11	Apostles and Elders	James	
3	All things common	All with one accord	Murmuring of the Grecians	Sect of the Pharisees which believed	Cult of the Leader
4	Presentation of the Kingdom	Persecution	Great Persecution	Rest	Vexing
5	to Jews only	also to Gentiles	Grace to Gentiles		
6	Prophecy	Mystery	Acts 9 to 13		
7	Saul	Paul			
8	Jerusalem	Antioch	Returned from 1st and 2nd journeys		
9	Jerusalem only	Judea, Samaria, Uttermost part of the earth	Caesarea	Ananias in Damascus	Antioch: centre of Grace Missions
10	Gospel of Kingdom	Gospel of Grace	1st warning	2nd warning	Final warning
11	Grace with Paul	Grace w/o Paul			
12	Increases in the Word of God-KINGDOM	Increases in the Word of God-GRACE	Acknowledging spiritual things: word of TRUTH	Fulfillment of the word of God	

# Transitions (cont'd)

- A transition is not always obvious, it demands:
  - a change of thinking and
  - a change from one action to a different action.
- Something changed from Peter to GRACE

#	From	To	To	To	To
1	<b>John the Baptist</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>The 12 (11) and 120</b>	<b>Peter</b>	<b>GRACE</b>
	Matt 3:1 - 17	Matt 4:12-17 preach, 18-25 gather disciples	Acts 1:10-14	Acts 1:15 / 2:14-21	Acts 15:7-11 2 Peter 3
	Mark 1:2-11	Mark 1:14-22			
	Luke 3:1-20	1 Luke 3:23,4:14-15,38-44			
	John 1:15-34	John 1:35-51 .... John 20:21-23			

# Transitions (cont'd)

- The 12: Sticking to what was taught – adapting
- Back to 11: Something changed
- Apostles and Elders Adapting to care for believing Israel
- James: a conundrum?

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<b>2</b>	<b>The 12</b>	<b>Back to 11</b>	<b>Apostles and Elders</b>	<b>James</b>
	Choice of the 12th	Trying to kill the Thunder	Peter is outside Jerusalem: caring for sheep / Peter's last words in Acts	Back to the Law?
	Acts 1:26	Acts 12:2	Acts 9:32-11:18 (read 11:18)	Acts 21:18
			Acts 15:6	

# Transitions (cont'd)

➤ Phil 2:2 – not unlike the early church as there is a new truth from Paul

Transitions					
	From	To	To	To	To
3	All things common	All with one accord	Murmuring of the Grecians	Sect of the Pharisees whi	Cult of the Leader Denominations forming ?
	Acts 2:44,4:32	Acts 5:12	Acts 6:1	Acts 15:5	1 Cor 1:10-18

# Transitions (cont'd)

- Progression of the Little Flock while ISRAEL is FALLING
- But what did they do after Acts 12?

Transitions						
From	To	To	To	To		Comments
4	Presentation of the Kingdom	Persecution	Great Persecution	Rest	Vexing	The 1 year to accept the Lord and then the Pause
	Pentecost	Stoning of Stephen	Scattering (not Apostles)	Saul to Tarsus thru Caesarea	James (Thunder) / Peter jailed ... no 12th?	REST: Peter outside of Jerusalem in Judea (Lydda, Joppa, Caesarea)
	Acts 2:14	Acts 7:58	Acts 8:1-4	Acts 9:29-31	Acts 12:2-4	VEX: Peter in Jerusalem

# Transitions (cont'd)

➤ Progression of the Little Flock with information – not instant

Transitions				
#	From	To	To	Comments
5	to Jews only	also to Gentiles	Grace to Gentiles	<b>Progressive revelation to the little flock</b>
	Acts 11:19	Acts 11:18	Acts 13:6-13	"shock" to John Mark? Pre-Acts 15
6	Prophecy	Mystery	Acts 9 to 13	<b>Holy Ghost directed the information dissemination ...</b> <b>7 years after Stephen:</b> <b>Barnabas sent to Antioch</b>
	Acts 2:18 -19 not fulfilled YET	Acts 11:25	Arabia, Tarsus, Antioch	



## Transitions (cont'd)

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#	From	To	To	Comments
7	Saul	Paul		Also called Paul - not a name change
	Acts 7:58	Acts 13:9		At the start of 1st Apostolic Journey
8	Jerusalem	Antioch	Returned from 1st and 2nd journeys	Antioch is the centre of the book at Acts 11
	to end of Acts 7 and Acts 15, Acts 18:22 (no mention) , Acts 21:15-23:32	Acts 11:19,25-26	Acts 14:23-28; Acts 18:22;	

# Transitions (cont'd)

- Mid-acts is Acts 9 to 13:
- Gal 1:18 After Arabia? ACTS 9:23-25, 2Cor 11:32 AD 37

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9	Jerusalem only	Judea, Samaria, Uttermost part of the earth	Caesarea	Ananias in Damascus	Antioch: centre of Grace Missions	Pentecostal converts and those in Acts 3-7
	Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:8	Acts 8:4	Acts 8:40,9:30, 10:1,21:8	Acts 9:10	Acts 11:19	
		ALL scattered except the Apostles	Philip 20 years on	Pentecostal converts and those in Acts 3-7	Pentecostal converts and those in Acts 3-7	
10	Gospel of	Gospel of Grace	1st warning	2nd warning	Final warning (Rome)	Fall of Israel is complete
	Acts 1:6	Acts 9:23	Acts 13:46	Acts 18:6	Acts 28:29	Acts 20:24
					Cornelius et al.?	

# Transitions (cont'd)

Transitions					
	From	To	To	To	To
11	Grace with Paul	Grace w/o Paul	Church Fathers	Mystics/Replacements	Roman Catholic +
	Acts 9 to 2 Tim	Since 66AD	Body of Christ continuing to formed	Body of Christ continuing to formed	Body of Christ continuing to formed
		<b>current era</b>	<b>current era</b>	<b>current era</b>	<b>current era</b>
	Body of Christ being formed	Body of Christ continuing to be formed	Body of Christ continuing to be formed	Body of Christ continuing to be formed	Body of Christ continuing to be formed
12	<b>Increases in the Word of God-KINGDOM</b>	<b>Increases in the Word of God-GRACE</b>	<b>Acknowledging spiritual things: word of TRUTH</b>	<b>Fulfillment of the word of God</b>	
	Acts 6:2-7; 12:24-25	Acts 13:49; 19:20	1 Cor 14:37	Col 1:25	
			All had to know prophecy program paused (perfected)		

# These are some of my Questions

- Was Saul in Arabia for most of the 3 years or was he in Damascus for most of the time? Gal 1:17
- Why did they send Saul back to Tarsus until further notice? Acts 9:30
- Why was there no persecution after Saul returned to Tarsus? Acts 9:31
- Why did Barnabas summon Saul from Tarsus when in Antioch? Acts 11:25
- Why did John Mark go to Jerusalem and abandon Paul and Barnabas on the 1<sup>st</sup> apostolic journey? Acts 13:13
- Why weren't the brethren from Jerusalem (Acts 15:1) slain by the Holy Spirit like Ananias and Sapphira were?
- Once saved and a member of the Little Flock (Jerusalem saints, saved under Peter's ministry, etc.), can one switch and become a member of the Body of Christ? (Silas, Barnabas, Apollos, the 12 disciples in Ephesus)
- When and why did Peter become an Elder and not the Leader in Jerusalem? 1 Pet 5:1, Acts 15:13
- Did they replace the Apostle James when he died? Acts 12:2
- Why did James tell Paul that his Jews were zealous of the Law? Acts 20:20
- Did Paul tell Jews being saved by his ministry to not follow the law of Moses? Acts 20:21
- Why were the believers not persecuted anymore in Jerusalem? Acts 20:24
- Why did Paul take a vow? Acts 20:24
- Why is Timothy in Hebrews – so when was the book written? Heb 13:23
- What is “to me” then? How do I live out my grace salvation after the ministry of Paul?
- Why is the gospel of grace fairly universal?
- Why are there so many denominations?