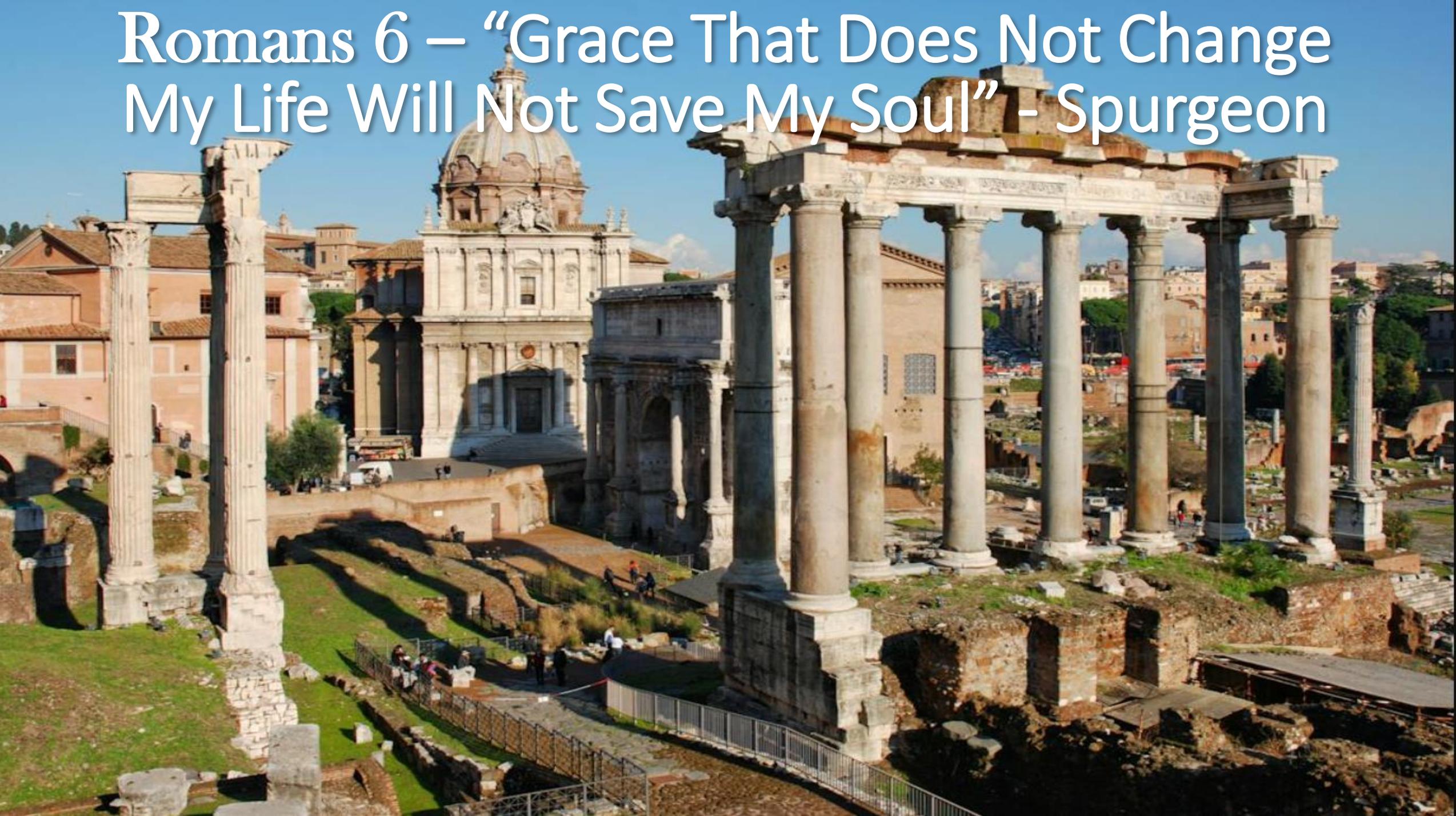


Romans 6 – “Grace That Does Not Change
My Life Will Not Save My Soul” - Spurgeon





Theme

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." – Rom 1:16-17

Opening Questions

- Since God demonstrates His character by giving grace (unmerited favor); the forgiving of our sins without earning it, should we sin even more?
- Is it possible for Christians to willfully, without remorse, continually sin?
- What is our relationship to Jesus?
- How should we be preparing for eternity?

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Q: (Chap 5) What was the previous point Paul made in Chapter 5?

- That preaching salvation based on the free grace of God encouraged sin because it gives God a platform to demonstrate His grace.
- Therefore, the argument is that sin “helps” God

Q: (v1) What is the Holy Spirit’s (via Paul) response?

- The strongest response (in Greek) possible, considered an outrage of “may it never be!”

Q: (v3) Is this referring to physical baptism?

- No, similar to “baptism by fire” it’s actually metaphorical

Q: (v4) What is this baptism?

- Those who are saved (by grace through faith) identify with Christ, by spiritually being “immersed” in, and united with Him

Q: (v4) What happens in this “baptism?”

- Our old selves demonstrate sin, whereas our new lives show a regeneration
- The newness demonstrates a desire to live in righteousness immersed in, or intertwined with, Christ

[The New Creation references](#)

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Q: (v7) What does "free" from sin mean?

- It means we are no longer in debt to sin
- Our price for sin has been paid by Jesus on the cross

Q: (v10) Did Christ "die" for sin?

- Christ took the sins of the world upon Himself, and paid the penalty of that sin on the cross

Q: (v11) How are we "dead" to sin?

- We must know that we are not what we used to be
- Though we have an on-going conflict with sin, we don't live with the sinners identity

Q: (v12-13) How are we to live then?

- Fight sin!
- Serve God
- [Ex 29:19-21](#)

Q: (v14) How do we know sin cannot have dominion over the Christian?

- 1 Cor 10 - 12 *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Q: (v16) Is it possible to be a "carnal Christian?"

- Matt 6:24 – **No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Jesus)**
- Our service indicates what we are a slave of
- **There is no middle ground**, either we are saved and serve Christ, or we serve our selves

Q: (v18/22) What is the Christian a slave of?

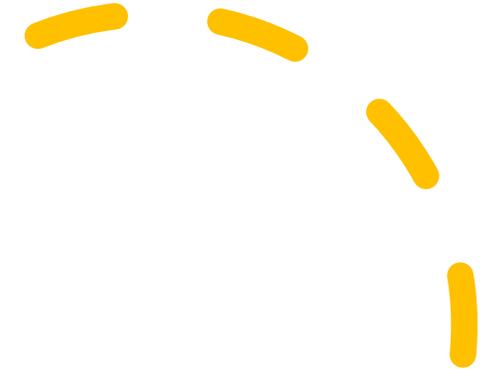
- Righteousness, we strive to be holy, living our lives in the process of sanctification (becoming more Christ-like)
- God Himself. We are willing slaves, or bond-servants, of Christ.

Q: (v22) What is the demonstration of that servitude?

- Fruits of holiness

Q: (v23) Does the Christian still owe the wages of sin?

- No, this was paid in full by Jesus for those who willingly serve Him as Lord and God



- The Christian Life - Butterflies don't return to worms...

Opening Questions Answered

- Since God demonstrates His character by giving grace (unmerited favor); the forgiving of our sins without earning it, should we sin even more?
 - Certainly not!
- Is it possible for Christians to willfully, without remorse, continually sin?
 - No, we're either living our lives in Jesus, or in Sin
- What is our relationship to Jesus?
 - Doulos to Kyrios relationship. He is master, we are His willing slave
- How should we be preparing for eternity?
 - We spend our lives living for His purposes, through sanctification (becoming more Christ-like)

The Christian's Riches

1 Corinthians/ 2: Isa 64/65 - Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered the heart of man, The things which God has prepared for those who love Him

John 3:16 - Life that will never end

John 4:14 - A spring of spiritual water that will never dry up

John 6: 37, 39 - A gift that will never be lost

Romans 8: 39 - a love from which he can never be separated

Romans 11: 29 - a calling that will never be revoked

2 Timothy 2: 19 - a foundation that will never be destroyed

1 Peter 1: 4- 5 - An inheritance that will never diminish

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Romans





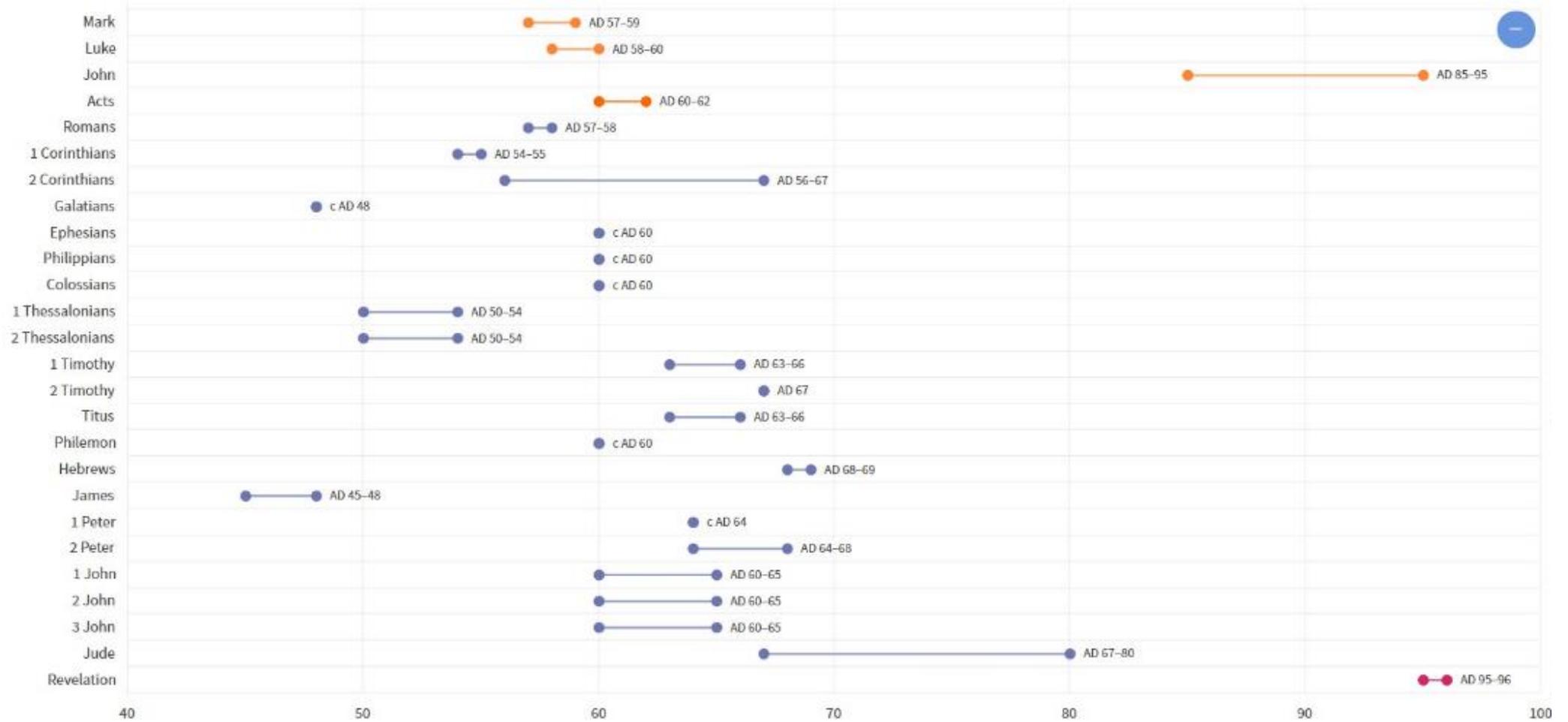
Co-writer – Apostle Paul

- Born as Saul in Tarsus (on the southern coast of modern-day Turkey). Likely borne about the same time as Jesus.
- Schooled as a Pharisee under the Jerusalem religious famous Gamaliel.
- Became a traveling missionary and preacher for the early church; renamed Paul.
- Worked as an artisan who made tents – maybe subcomponents
- Was imprisoned multiple times by the Roman authorities for his religious agitation.
- Believed to have co-written 6 letters to the churches.
- Died sometime between AD 62–64; Paul, believed to be in Rome.



- **AD 33 Damascus – Direct conversion**
- **AD 33-36 Arabia – Receiving direct revelation from the Lord (Gal 1)**
- **3 missionary journeys to Asia minor**
- **AD 56 Wrote Romans on 3rd journey in Corinth**





Paul's Testimony to Agrippa – Acts 26



1. Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself."

So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: 2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, 3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. 5 They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. 7 To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. 8 Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

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12 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' 15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. 17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. 21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come— 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

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24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"

25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. 26 For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

29 And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

30 When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; 31 and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, "This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains."

32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

The Depravity of Man – The Bad News

Self-will and self satisfaction reign in mans heart



This produces guilt, masked with even more self-seeking



This produces meaninglessness, as nothing truly satisfies



This produces hopelessness, we sense the supernatural promise of life after death and the consequences of it

The Believers Regeneration

Ezekiel 36 - 26 **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them

2 Corinthians 5 - 17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Galatians 6:15 - For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a **new creation**.

Ephesians 4:24 - and that you put on the **new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

