

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

MORNING MESSAGE

“The End of the Beginning”

Acts 28:30-31

- I. THE IMPRISONMENT OF PAUL (v.30a)
 - A. The period of his imprisonment – “two whole years”
 - B. The place of his imprisonment – “his own hired house”
 1. Acts 28:10, “Who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary”
 - C. The prolonging of his imprisonment
 1. Romans 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose”
 2. Philippians 4:11, “for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content”
 3. 2 Timothy 2:9, “Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound”
- II. THE INFLUENCE OF PAUL (vv.30b-31b)
 - A. He was witnessing (vv.30b-31a)
 1. “Preaching” means “to herald or proclaim”
 - B. He was writing (v.31b)
 1. “Teaching” means “to cause to learn”
 - a. Sometimes his teaching was written
 - b. He wrote letters to believers in Ephesus, Philippi, and Colosse
 - c. He wrote a personal letter to Philemon
- III. THE IMPACT OF PAUL (v.31c)
 - A. His liberty (v.31c)
 1. For two years he preached and taught with “confidence”
 - a. “Confidence” means “openness, frankness, or bluntness”
 2. For two years he preached and taught with nobody “forbidding”
 - a. “Forbidding” means “unhindered”
 - B. What kind of impact did he have?
 1. Philippians 1:12-13, “But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in other places”
 2. Philippians 4:22, “All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar’s household”