



Paul's defence is our defence

PAUL TO ROME



 WITNESS



Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

*The power of the Holy Spirit
empowers us to witness about Jesus*

Acts 1:8 - You will be my witnesses in...

Jerusalem (2-7)	Judea and Samaria (8-12)	Ends of the earth...	
		13-19:20 ...through Paul's missionary journeys	19:21-28 ...through Paul's imprisonment
3000 added (2:41) Rapid multiplication (6:1)	Samaria/Simon Damascus/Saul Caesarea/Cornelius	(Greece/Asia Minor) Philippi/Jailor Athens/Areopagus Ephesus/John's disciples	Jerusalem to Rome
Jews only	Samaritans God fearers	Pagan Gentiles	
Organic growth - first Christians		Intentional growth - church planting	

Witness through Paul's imprisonment — Acts 20-28

Acts 20-22 Speech 1	24-25 Speech 2	26 Speech 3	27-28 Rome	Acts 29
Jerusalem temple	Governors Felix & Festus	King Agrippa II	Travel 2 yrs house arrest	??



Paul before King Agrippa II

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Acts 26:6–8 NLT

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hopeless
without Jesus



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“If Jesus rose from the dead, then his resurrection is the most important event in history, and it changes everything. It means death does not have the final word.”

**William Lane Craig,
Reasonable Faith**



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- 3. Mission - persuade everyone to become a Christian (v28-29)**

Acts closes with Paul in Rome

³⁰ For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, ³¹ boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him.

Acts 28:30–31 NLT

A dark, purple-toned illustration of a group of people in prayer. In the center, a man with a long white beard and a hooded robe stands with his hands clasped in prayer, looking upwards. He is surrounded by other people, some of whom are also in prayerful poses. In the background, several wisps of smoke or steam rise from the ground. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

What is the message of Acts 29?

It's our turn now!



DISCOVER CHURCH

ALIGNED TO WITNESS

A crowd of people in prayer with flames in the background. The image is a dark, textured illustration of a group of people, likely a crowd, in a state of prayer or worship. They are shown from the chest up, with their hands clasped in prayer. The background is dark with several vertical, flame-like shapes rising from the crowd. The overall tone is somber and spiritual.

THIS WEEK

**Ripple
Effect**

Session #7: Future Reaching

How can our Life Group continue to prioritise reaching others in the future?

COMMUNION

