

IF "ACTS CHURCH" IMPACT IS TO BE CONTINUED I MUST...

1. _____ THE _____ MY GREATEST PRIORITY.

Three days later Paul <u>called a meeting of the Jewish leaders</u>. So they came. Paul said to them, "My brothers, I have done nothing against our people. I have also done nothing against what our people of long ago practiced. But I was arrested in Jerusalem. <u>I was handed over to the Romans</u>. ¹⁸ "They questioned me. And they wanted to let me go. They saw I wasn't guilty of any crime worthy of death. ¹⁹ But the Jews objected. So I had to make an appeal to Caesar. "It wasn't that I had anything against my own people. **Acts 28:17-19** (NIrV)

<u>I</u> share <u>Israel's</u> hope. That is why I am held with this chain. So I have asked to see you and talk with you." ²¹ They replied, "We have not received any letters from Judea about you. None of our companions who came from there has reported or said anything bad about you. ²² But we want to hear what your ideas are. We know that people everywhere are talking against those who believe as you do." ²³ At that time even more people came to the place where he was staying. <u>From morning until evening</u>, he told them about <u>God's kingdom...</u> Acts 28:20-23a (NIrV)

I am not lying when I say that my conscience and the Holy Spirit are witnesses ³ It may sound extreme; but I wish that I were lost, cursed, and totally separated from the Anointed—if that would change the eternal destination of my brothers and sisters, my flesh and countrymen. **Romans 9:2-3** (VOICE)

2.

WHAT THE GOSPEL

... <u>he told them about God's kingdom</u> **and** <u>explained it to them</u>. Using the Law of Moses and the Prophets, he tried to get them to believe in Jesus. **Acts 28:23b**

- I ______ what I don't understand.
- I ______ what I don't understand.

As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)! **Galatians 1:9**(AMPC)

The "gospel" involves a _____. Those _____.

And this <u>gospel</u> <u>of the kingdom</u> will be preached in the whole world... **Matthew 24:14** (NIV)

- The "gospel" (good news) involves a _____. One _____.
- The "gospel" involves _____. The result of _____ the king.

3. KNOW WHAT MY RESPONSIBILITY ____ AND WHAT IT _____.

It _____my responsibly to share ______, _____,

God wants us to grow up, to know <u>the whole truth</u> and <u>tell it in</u> <u>love</u>... **Ephesians 4:15a** (MP)

• It is _____ my responsibly to _____ the response.

Some believed what he said. Others did not. ²⁵ They didn't agree with each other. They began to leave after Paul had made a final statement. He said, "The Holy Spirit was right when he spoke to your people long ago. Through Isaiah the prophet the Spirit said, ²⁶ "'Go to your people. Say to them, "You will hear but never understand. You will see but never know what you are seeing." ²⁷ These people's hearts have become stubborn. They can barely hear with their ears. They have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes. They might hear with their ears. They might be understand with their hearts. They might turn, and then I would heal them.' (Isaiah 6:9,10) ²⁸ "Here is what I want you to know. God has sent his salvation to people who are not Jews. And they will listen!" Acts 28:24-28 (NIrV)

4. DETERMINE TO

For two whole years Paul stayed there in a house he rented. He welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He preached boldly about God's kingdom. No one could keep him from teaching people about the Lord Jesus Christ. **Acts 28:30-31**

Do you see what this means--all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running--and never quit! **Hebrews 12:1** (MP)