

Acts 4:23-37

What is the Proper
Response when
Persecuted?

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MODERN DAY PERSECUTION?

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“Houston’ s First Lesbian Mayor DEMANDS to Sermons from Christian Pastors”

“If the 5 pastors used pulpits for politics, their sermons are fair game.”

(Houston Mayor, Annise Parker, the city’ s first openly lesbian mayor)

OUTLINE OF ACTS 4:23-37

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4:32-37



ACTS OUTLINE:

I. The Witness to Jerusalem. 1:1-8:3

II. The Witness to Judea and Samaria 8:4-12:24

III. The Witness to the Ends of the Earth 12:25-21:14

IV. Paul's Trek to Rome (World) 21:15-28:31



ACTS ANSWERS 3 MAIN QUESTIONS:

1) What is the **MESSAGE** about Jesus?



QUESTION TWO

2) What is the MISSION of Jesus?

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



QUESTION THREE

3) What MEANS are used to accomplish that mission?

-- The church under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit



OVERALL THEME:

Preparation, birth, growth, and establishment of the Church.
Acts is a bridge book ... “A book of Transition.”



KEY VERSES

And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that
Your bondservants may speak Your word with all
confidence. Acts 4:29



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For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4:35



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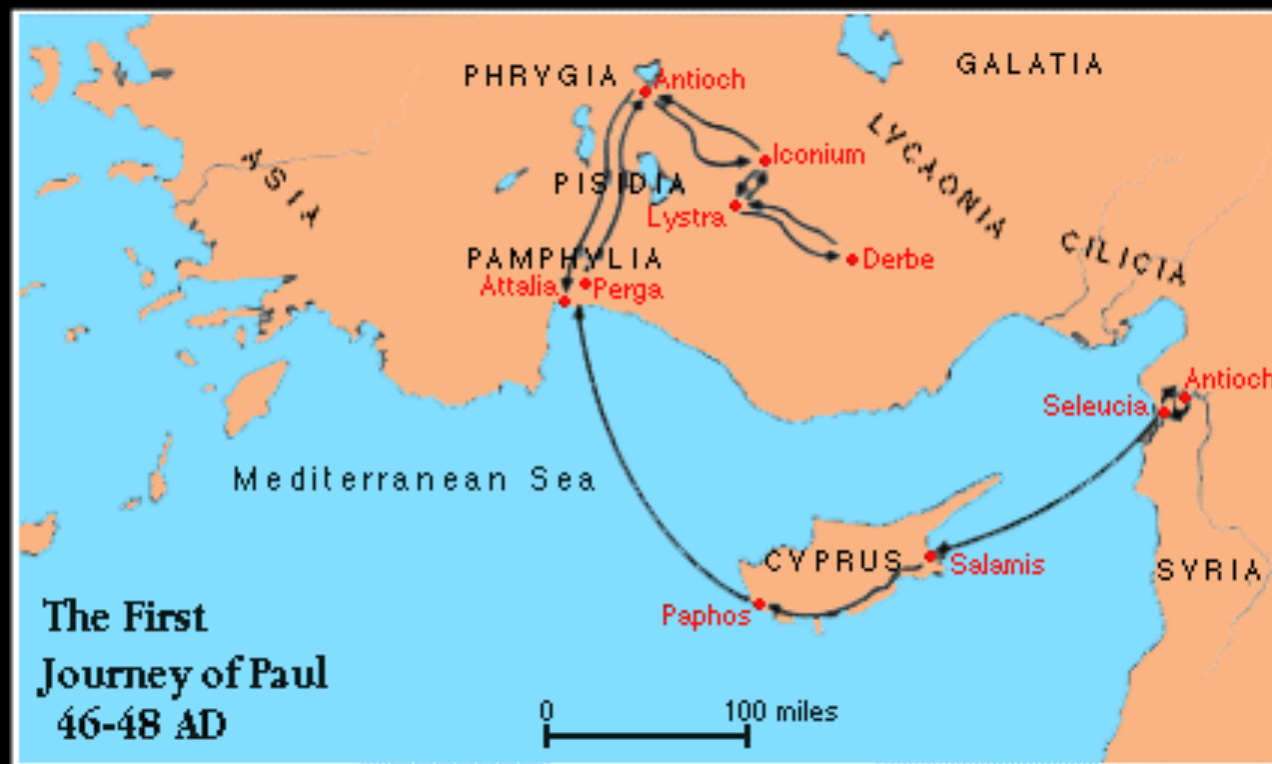


WHO IS BARNABUS (JOSEPH)?

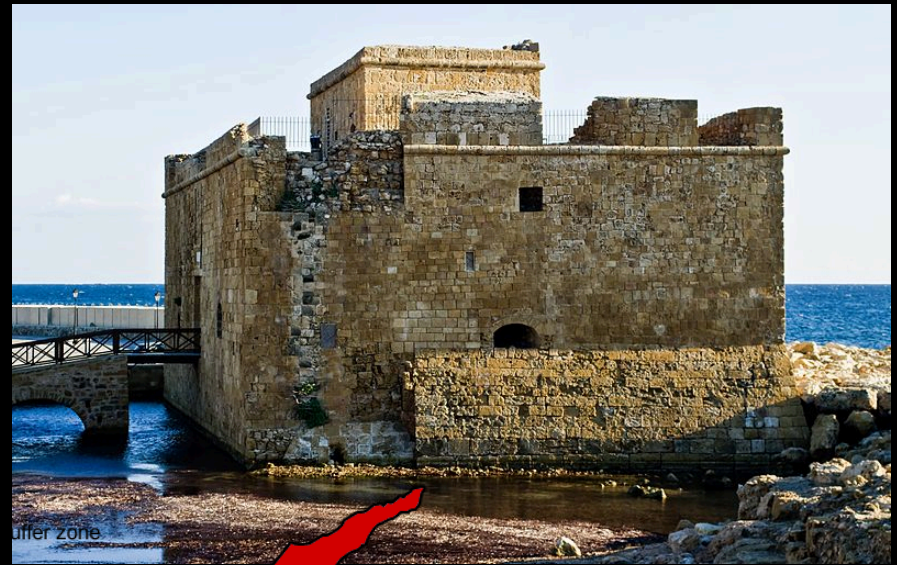
Barnabas

Where From:	Cyprus	Acts 4:36
Nationality	Jewish	Acts 4:36
Tribe	Levi	Acts 4:36
Original Name	Joseph	Acts 4:36

BARNABUS' BIRTHPLACE



CYPRUS TODAY



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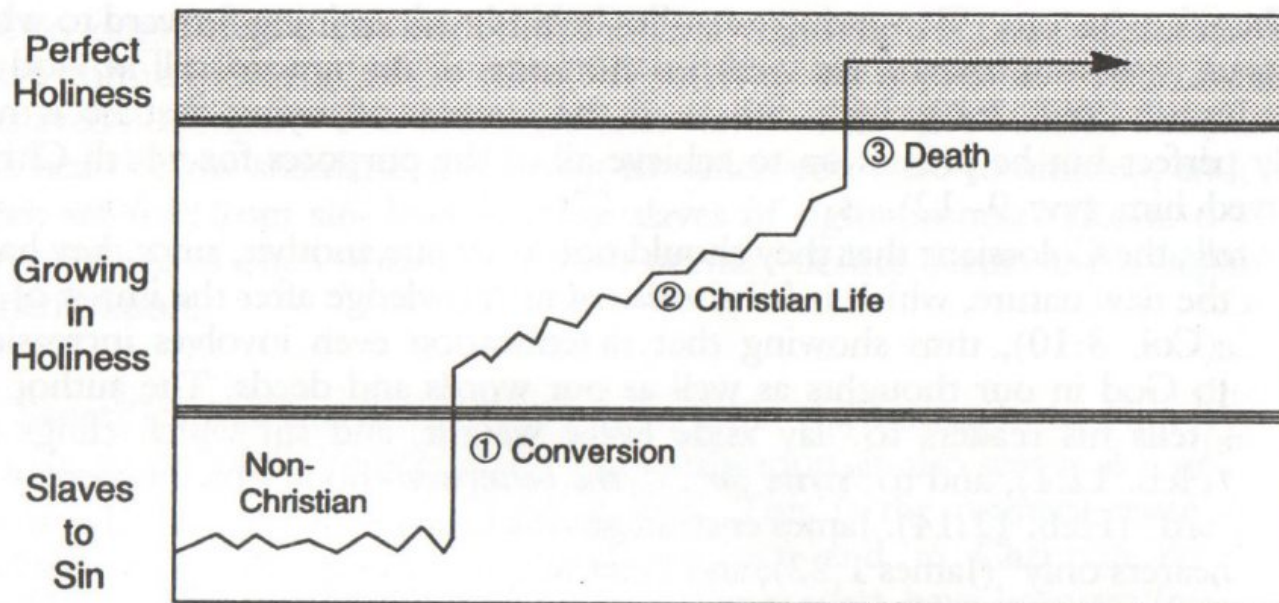
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THREE PHASES OF SANCTIFICATION

- **At Conversion**
 - Sanctification has a definite beginning at regeneration
- **During the life of the believer**
 - Sanctification increases throughout life
- **At Physical Death**
 - Sanctification is completed for our souls

SANCTIFICATION'S MOVER AND SHAKER



THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION

Figure 38.1

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