

**Acts 28:16-31**  
**The ongoing Proclamation of the Gospel**  
**Lord's Day, September 13, 2015**  
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**Outline:**

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem.             | Acts 1:1-8:3     |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria.     | Acts 8:4-12:24   |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth. | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome                | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

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| Mob Defense           | <u>Jerusalem</u> | Acts 21:27-36            |
| Sanhedrin Defense     | <u>Jerusalem</u> | Acts 22:30-23:10         |
| Felix Defense         | <u>Caesarea</u>  | Acts 24:1-21             |
| Festus Defense        | <u>Caesarea</u>  | Acts 25:1-12             |
| Agrippa Defense       | <u>Caesarea</u>  | Acts 25:13-26:32         |
| Jewish Defense        | <u>Rome</u>      | Acts 28:17-29            |
| Gospel's Proclamation | <u>World</u>     | Acts 28:30-31 to present |

**Section Verse:** "And Paul stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered." (Acts 28:30-31)

**Section Theme:** Be faithful to communicate the gospel in your spheres of influence (Matthew 28:18).

Dr. James Boice: At one period of history there may be a great moving of God's Spirit, and everything will seem to be going well. At other times the response to spiritual things is superficial or people are hostile to the gospel. But, in one sense, it really doesn't matter. What does matter is whether we are faithful in the calling to which God has called us. The Lord Jesus told his disciples, "The Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and the end will come." (Matt 24:14). That end has not yet come, so you and I have the task of preaching it until then. Will we? Will we be found faithful? That is the theme of Acts!

**Introduction:**

- Paul's motivation (Romans 1:14-16).

-- I am a debtor.

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-- I am ready.

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-- I am not ashamed.

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I. Paul's first circle of influence—soldiers and the palace leadership (28:16; Phil 1:12,13; 4:22)

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II. Paul's second circle of influence—Israel (28:17-29)

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III. Paul's third circle of influence—gentiles (28:30-31)

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IV. Paul's fourth circle of influence—the churches in Asia and Macedonia (28:30-31)

-- Paul wrote the following in his imprisonment: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon

-- Paul wrote the following in his second imprisonment: 2 Timothy

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V. Paul's fifth circle of influence—churches throughout the ages (1 Cor. 3:10-17)

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#### Lessons Learned:

1) Speak the gospel promptly—don't wait (v. 17).

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2) Communicate the gospel lovingly (vs 17-20).

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3) Describe the gospel message using the Word (v. 23).

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4) Persistently proclaim the good news "from morning till evening" (v.23).