

39. What four books of the Bible did Paul write during this time in prison in Rome?
- E \_\_\_\_\_
  - P \_\_\_\_\_
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40. God often works in ways which seem strange to us because we can't always do what?
41. Who was with Paul during these two years and what two books did he write while there?
42. There are times when God allows us to be used and abused, so that He can do what?
43. The deepest longing of our hearts is (or at least should be) to be used by God to do what?
44. When we trust in the Lord He will do what?
45. What is one challenge going on in your life right now? What do you think God is trying to do in and through that situation to glorify His name?

**Remember:** Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- **How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?**
- **How can I accomplish this change?**
- **What is the first step toward bringing about this change?**

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## Can't Always See the Big Picture

### Acts 21-28

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Can't Always See the 'Big Picture.'" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.**

1. What is one of the most treasured and cherished promises in all of the Bible?
2. Does Paul say in Romans 8:28 that all things are good?
3. What Old Testament figure is an illustration of Romans 8:28?
4. The way that God works is that He takes what the world and the devil throw at us and he does what with it?
5. The Greek word translated "know" (verse 28) means what?
6. What is the only way that we know that good will come out of our tough times?
7. The things in our lives that go against us are an integral part of what?
8. Our typical view of the apostle Paul is that he was never what?
9. Though Paul was a great man of God, he was still just a what?
10. What are we at the end of when we come to Acts 21?
11. Approximately how long did Paul's third missionary journey last?

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12. Paul was headed back to Jerusalem because he wanted to be there for what celebration?
13. Why did Paul want to celebrate Pentecost?
14. What was Paul taking with him to give to the church in Jerusalem?
15. What were Paul's two goals in taking this financial gift back to the church in Jerusalem?
  - a. He wanted to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor Jewish believers in the church in Jerusalem.
  - b. He saw this project as a tangible way to cement the fragile bond between \_\_\_\_\_ believers and \_\_\_\_\_ believers.
16. Were the Jews happy to see Paul when he got back to Jerusalem?
17. Few things are more painful than being what?
18. The elders gave Paul the suggestion (verse 23-24) to show that he hadn't renounced his what?
19. The Jews that attacked Paul were from where?
20. Which part of the Jews' accusation was twisted?
21. Paul taught that salvation doesn't come by being \_\_\_\_\_, it doesn't come by keeping the \_\_\_\_\_, and it doesn't come by \_\_\_\_\_ in the temple.
22. What was the completely false charge that the Jews brought against Paul?
23. This story shows us the power of what?
24. Where do we learn that the tongue is "...a fire, a world of iniquity...an unruly evil, full of deadly poison..."?
  25. From Acts 21:33 on, Paul was not a free man for how many years?
  26. In chapter 23, Paul has to give a defense of himself before what Supreme Court?
  27. What did the Lord do to encourage Paul after the frustrating trial of chapter 23?
  28. Why had the high priest and the leaders of Israel hired the attorney Tertullus?
  29. What did Felix do with Paul?
  30. For how many years did Paul sit in limbo?
  31. What kind of focus did Paul have to maintain to not get bitter in this situation?
  32. What did Paul need to have a strong understanding of in order to not get bitter?
  33. Paul could see that he wasn't going to get a fair trial, so he appealed to whom?
  34. Paul experienced what on his way to Rome?
  35. According to A.T. Robertson, what is "so fickle"?
  36. How long did it take Paul to get to Rome?
  37. How many years did he sit in Rome, waiting for his trial?
  38. What was God doing by placing Paul in Rome for such a long period of time?