

<sup>1</sup> After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to *himself*, embraced *them*, and departed to go to Macedonia.

Luke gives only a brief summary of Paul's journey at this point. Paul's writing fills in some of the details that Luke omits. Upon leaving Ephesus to go to Macedonia, Paul stopped in Troas, hoping to meet Titus there. Titus had been in Corinth. Having sent the letter of 1 Corinthians from Ephesus, and being deeply concerned about how the Corinthians had received that letter, Paul was anxious to hear Titus' report about the Corinthian Christians. When Titus did not come to him in Troas, he traveled on to Macedonia (2 Cor. 2:12-13). In Macedonia Paul was greatly troubled but found comfort when Titus finally came and gave him a good report about the Corinthians (2 Cor. 7:4-7). After receiving that report, he wrote the letter of 2 Corinthians from Macedonia.

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<sup>2</sup> Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece

**And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece.** Luke does not specify the cities Paul visited in Macedonia. They must have included Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea. Though Luke does not mention it, Paul was taking up the collection for poor saints in Jerusalem, and the brethren in Macedonia gave with exemplary generosity (2 Cor. 8:1-5). Paul gave them much **exhortation** (*parakaleo*), i.e., exhortation, encouragement, comfort. From Macedonia, Paul went into Greece. **Greece** (*hellas*) was the popular term used for Achaia, the province in which Corinth was located. Paul had promised to come to Corinth after passing through Macedonia (1 Cor. 16:5-6); now he was fulfilling that promise.

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<sup>3</sup> and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

<sup>4</sup> And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia--also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

<sup>5</sup> These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.

<sup>6</sup> But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

<sup>7</sup> Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

**Lords Supper**

Instituted by Jesus --- **Mt. 26:26-30** \*\*\* **Mk. 14:22-26** \*\*\* **Luke 22:14-23** \*\*\* Paul's reference to origin **1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:23-26**

**Lord's Supper identified as**

"Breaking of bread" --- **Acts 2:42** \*\*\* "break bread" --- **Acts 20:7** \*\*\* "communion of the body of Christ/communion of the blood of Christ"--- **1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:16** \*\*\* "Lord's Supper" --- **1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:20**

**Elements used**

unleavened bread – (note **Mt. 26:17**) fruit of the vine – (**Mt. 26:29**)

**Lord's Supper done in the assembly of the church**

**1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:20**

**Approved Example when the disciples came together to participate in the Lord's Supper**

**Acts 20:7**

<sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together.

<sup>9</sup> And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

<sup>10</sup> But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing *him* said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

<sup>11</sup> Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

<sup>12</sup> And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

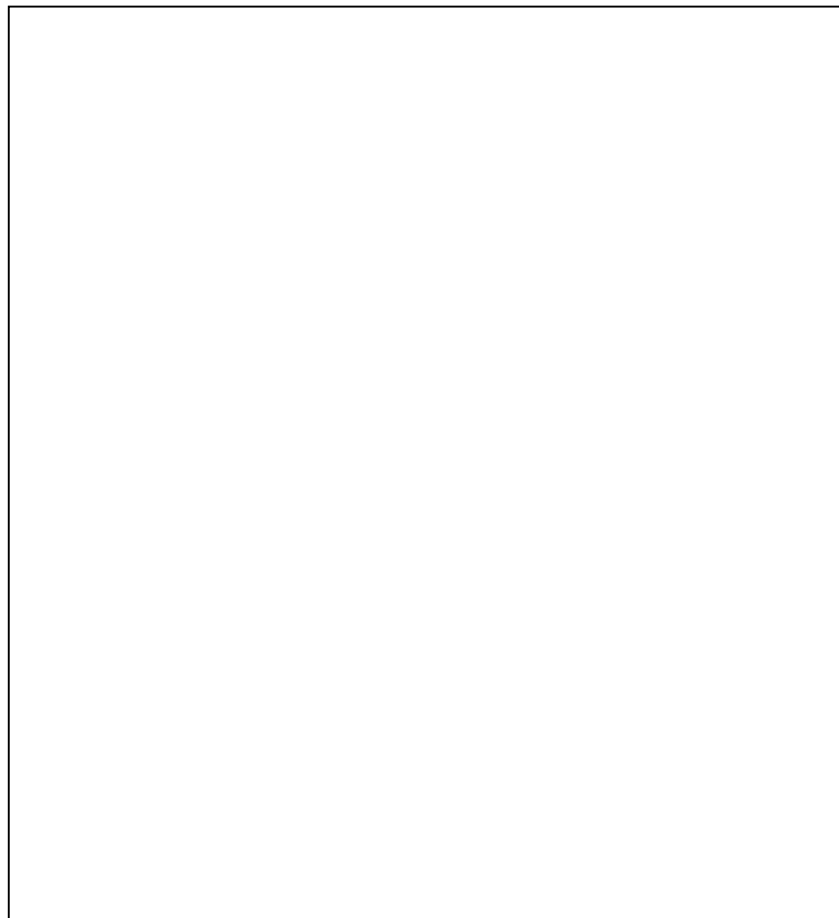
<sup>13</sup> Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had given orders, intending himself to go on foot.

<sup>14</sup> And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

<sup>15</sup> We sailed from there, and the next *day* came opposite Chios. The following *day* we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next *day* we came to Miletus.

<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

<sup>17</sup> From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.



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<sup>18</sup> And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

<sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

<sup>20</sup> how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

<sup>21</sup> testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>22</sup> And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

<sup>24</sup> But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Race = 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-27

<sup>25</sup> And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*.

<sup>27</sup> For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Qualifications  
1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9

<sup>29</sup> For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

<sup>30</sup> Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

<sup>32</sup> So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Value of the word of His grace --- Also note Titus 2:11-14

<sup>33</sup> I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

<sup>34</sup> Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

<sup>35</sup> I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

<sup>36</sup> And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

<sup>37</sup> Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,

<sup>38</sup> sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

### **Questions Acts 20**

1. Who plotted against Paul as he was about to sail to Syria?
2. Which verse in this chapter would you use to show that the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread?
  - a. List the various ways that the Lord's Supper is identified?
  - b. In addition of partaking of the Lord's Supper what did Paul do?
3. Where does it state, ***"But none of these things move me"*** and how would you explain this phrase in its context?
4. What warning did Paul give to the elders?
5. How do we know that Paul was preaching the kingdom of God?
6. Describe the value of the word of God.
7. What did Paul do with the elders prior to departing from them?
8. When you reflect on chapter 20, what will come to your mind?