

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

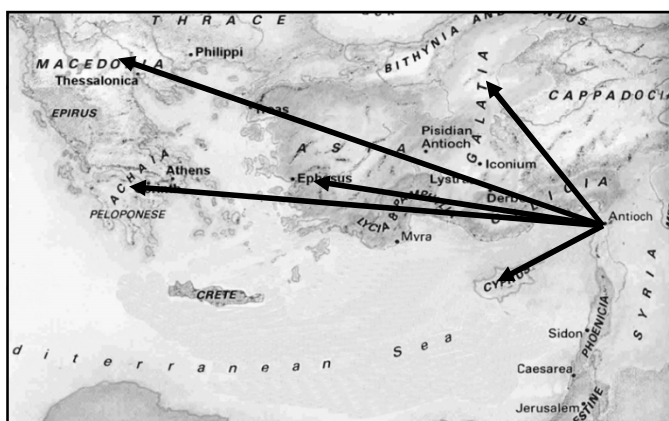
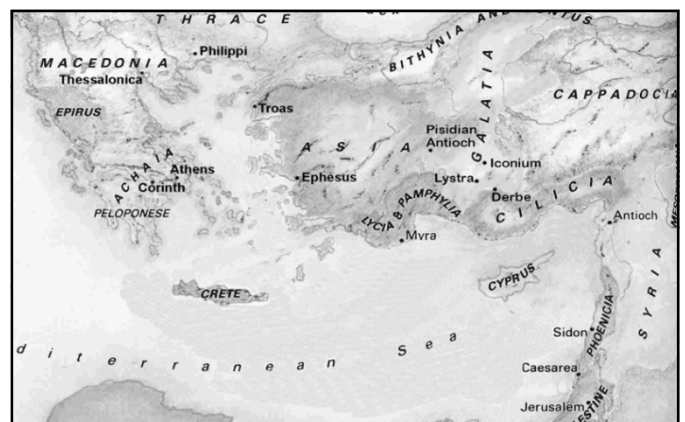
(Matthew 28:18-20)

⁸ 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)

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

(Acts 13:1-3)



²¹ Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

(Acts 19:21)

Letter Conclusion (15:14-16:27)

- 1) Why he wrote the letter
- 2) Why he has been hindered in visiting Rome
- 3) His future plans, which include these believers

¹⁴ And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵ But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God, ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that *my* offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷ Therefore I have this boasting in Christ Jesus with respect to the things of God. ¹⁸ For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, ¹⁹ in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fulfilled the gospel of Christ.

²⁰ And, in this way, by striving eagerly to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, so that I might not build on another man's foundation;

²¹ but as it is written,

"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

²² For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you;

²³ but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you ²⁴ whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while—

²⁵ but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

(Romans 15:14-25)

Paul's Missions Strategy

1. It was based on Scripture – the gospel to the Gentile nations who have not heard (Isaiah 52:15)
2. His primary calling was proclaiming the gospel and establishing churches where there was no church
3. He understood the gospel in one sense as "fulfilled" in places where strategic churches were established

Implications for Disciple-Making

1. Local Church: Domestic Disciple-Making
 - our primary mission is evangelism and discipling through gospel proclamation/instruction
 - this includes establishing new churches in our local region

Implications for Disciple-Making

2. Cross-Cultural: Strengthening the Church
 - the continuing work of establishing the indigenous church until it is healthy and reproducing
 - includes evangelism, discipling (training) and church planting

Implications for Disciple-Making

3. Pioneer Missions: Where Christ is not Named
- disciple-making among “unreached” peoples and places (little or no gospel-access)

“Unreached peoples or places are those among whom Christ is largely unknown and the church is relatively insufficient to make Christ known in its boarder population without outside help.” (David Platt)

Implications for Disciple-Making

- Our response to the Great Commission?
 - if we love the gospel, we will join Paul in his striving to preach the gospel where Christ is not named
 - we will be engaged either by going or sending