

**Truth Momentum—Part 36      December 12/13, 2015**  
**Acts 21:15-32**

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) *21:18* The apostles had turned over the leadership responsibilities to a group of elders and had left the city to engage in missionary work.
- 2) *21:19* The Jerusalem believers were certainly thrilled with the generous love gifts of money, but they were overjoyed by the even greater evidence of God at work among the Gentiles.
- 3) *21:19* It is a godly Christ-follower that exalts the Lord and not himself.
- 4) *21:21* A person can be saved without a complete understanding of all theological issues.
- 5) Paul would bend over backwards to encourage these “weak” Christians, as long as their "weakness" did not affect the gospel (Romans 14:1-15:13; I Corinthians 8; 10:23-33).
- 6) *21:21* Why were they still following the rituals of the Old Covenant?
  - Coming to faith in Jesus heightened their understanding of God and likely motivated a greater passion for the symbolism of the old ceremonies.
  - Old habits are hard to change.
- 7) *21:21* Paul’s work with the Gentiles was not well received by the Judaizers (heretics and liars). Now the allegations against him would present a serious threat to the efforts to bring non-believing Jews to Jesus.
- 8) *21:21* The accusations were completely false. Paul never taught Jewish Christians to abandon their heritage.
- 9) *21:23-25* They suggest a concession, an action of self-sacrificial humility in order to promote unity. In a display of subservient humbleness, Paul agreed.
- 10) Paul was trying so hard to conform to the culture he was trying to reach (1 Corinthians 9:19–23).

- 11) *12:29* The charge was unfounded, but Paul’s enemies were looking for anything with which to accuse him, so they quickly jumped to a conclusion.
- 12) *21:33* Immediately Paul was bound with two chains, bound hand and foot as Agabus had prophesied. From this moment on Paul was in chains, a prisoner to the very last word of Acts.

**GREEK WORDS**

Phroneō (fron-eh'-o)—be of the same mind:- by implication to be (mentally) disposed (in a certain direction) :- set the affection on, savor  
Theōreō—to perceive, discern, or reflect on  
Katēcheō—catechism; learning by repetition

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