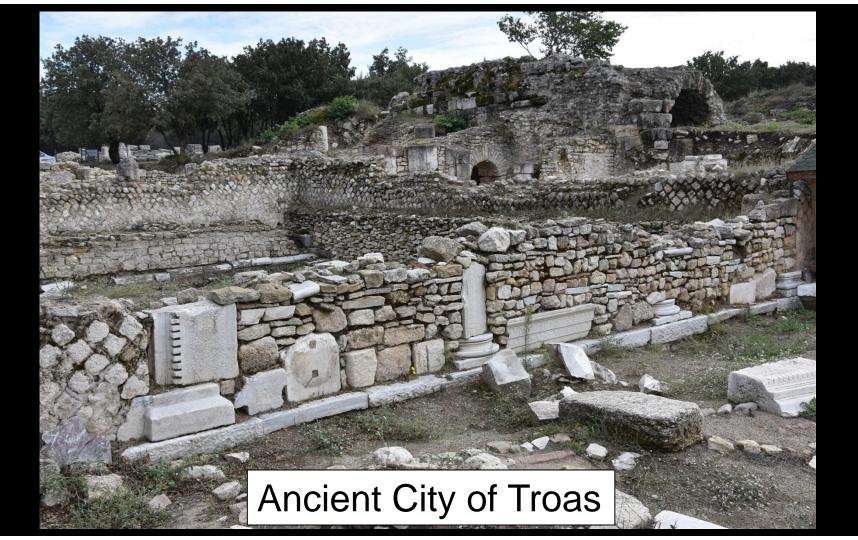
The Book of Acts "You Shall Be My Witnesses"

The Establishment and Growth of the Lord's Church

Approximate Chronology of Acts

Date	Chapter in Acts	Event	NT Books Written
A.D. 45-49	13-14	Paul's 1st preaching trip from Antioch	Galatians (?)
A.D. 50	15	Jerusalem meeting	
A.D. 50-54	15:36 – 18:22	Paul's 2 nd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians (from Corinth)
A.D. 54-58	18:23 – 21:17	Paul's 3 rd preaching trip from Antioch	1 Corinthians (from Ephesus) 2 Corinthians (from Macedonia) Romans, Galatians (?) (from Corinth)







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1. Christian disciples need exhorting (20:1-2; Acts 11:23).

2. It is important to stop, even when travelling, and assemble with Christians to "break bread" and remember the Lord's death in the Lord's supper (20:7; 1 Cor. 11:24-25).

3. Faithful gospel preachers will have humility and show emotion, will sacrifice themselves, will declare all the truth and hold nothing back, and will be constrained to accomplish their work in the Lord's kingdom (20:18-27; 2 Tim. 4:2-5).

4. All people need repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus Christ (20:21; Acts 26:20; Philemon 1).

5. Paul preached the "gospel of the grace of God" (20:24; Eph. 3:2).

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Lessons for Today

6. The "elders" (20:17), who are also the "bishops" or overseers (20:28), are supposed to spiritually feed the local church (20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).

7. Jesus purchased the church (you and me) with his blood (20:28; Rev. 14:3-4).

8. Elders need to watch over themselves and watch over the local church (20:28-30; Heb. 13:17).

9. The word of God's graces can build us up if we let it (20:32; Col. 2:7)

10. It is more blessed to give than to receive (20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-11).

11. It is good when preachers and elders can have a close relationship one with another (20:36-38; 1 Thess. 5:12-13).