

# The Life and Times of Paul

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*Fall, 2018 - Grace Baptist Church*

## What is this class about?

This is not a class on the book of Acts, yet Acts is key to this study.  
This is not a class on the letters Paul wrote, yet each (most) will be addressed.  
This is not a class on missions, yet Paul was a missionary.  
This is not a class on Paul's biography, yet we can learn from his life.  
This is a class on obedience to God's call!

Paul was instrumental in the expansion of the church. Until Paul, the church was primarily a Jewish entity that was localized in Judea and was growing under persecution. This persecution was energized by Saul (also known as Paul). God chose Saul to be His representative to take the gospel to "Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

In this class we will gain a better understanding of Paul's role in the expansion of the early church to include Gentiles. We will begin to look at theological development of Paul and the foundation this sets for the church. And we will see how Paul interacted with those who opposed him and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## What to Expect?

There is a lot of material to cover. Our class time together will be broad. But there will be guidance for you if you choose to dig deeper.

In the class period we will have an informal, yet conversational lecture style. You are encouraged to ask questions and make comments.

Materials for the class will be made available at [www.danielstrom.org](http://www.danielstrom.org) sometime during the week following each class period.

## Tentative Schedule

Aug 12 - Historical Context for Paul

Aug 19 - Conversion of Paul – Broeckelman's 15 minutes at beginning

Aug 26 - SIG prayer discussions

Sep 2 - Paul's time after conversion - Acceptance by the church

Sep 9 - God changes Peter's view toward Gentiles (Acts 10)

Sep 16 - Fall Conference - No Class

Sep 23 - First missionary journey (Acts 13-14)

Sep 30 - Disagreements (Acts 15)

Oct 7 - Second missionary journey (Acts 16-18)

Oct 14 - Letters written during 2nd journey (Galatians, 1/2 Thessalonians)

Oct 21 - Third missionary journey (Acts 18:23-21:16)

Oct 28 - Letters written during 3rd journey (1 & 2 Corinthians)

Nov 4 – Letter written between Trips (Romans)

Nov 11 - Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-26:32) - Trial, Voyage to Rome, and Imprisonment

Nov 18 - Paul heads to Rome (Acts 27-28)

Nov 25 - Paul in Rome (Acts 28:14-31)

Dec 2 - Prison letters (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians)

Dec 9 – Letter after Rome (1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon)

Dec 16 - After Rome & Wrap-up