



“Following Jesus”

Acts 21:1-40 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – The apostle Paul was miraculously converted to Christ in Acts chapter 9. Today we will examine his life as a disciple of Jesus in the years after his conversion.

I. Following in the _____ of Jesus.

- A. There are many parallels between Jesus and Paul.
- B. Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem, even though he knew it was risky through the prophecies given to him.
- C. Jesus was also determined to go to Jerusalem, even though he knew it would result in His death.
- D. Jesus and Paul were both falsely _____.
- E. Both were arrested and put on trial.

II. Becoming _____ Jesus.

- A. Paul was convinced that after our conversion to Christ, God molds us from the inside out into the image of His Son.

(Philippians 1:6)

(Galatians 4:19)

(Romans 8:28-29)

B. How are we being transformed?

- 1. Through the _____ of the _____ in us.
(II Corinthians 3:15-18)
- 2. Through the living Word of God renewing us from the inside out, as our _____ absorb the _____ of God’s Word.

(Romans 12:2)

(Ephesians 4:22-24)

- C. One day our transformation will be complete. (I John 3:2)

III. Spreading the _____ of Jesus.

- A. The Gospel will _____ with the _____.
- B. James and Paul used their freedom to win a hearing for the Gospel.
- C. The Gospel breaks through all the barriers we may encounter.
- D. To understand the Gospel, you must understand grace.

Conclusion.