

Paul's Love for the Church (Acts 20:1-6)

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Introduction

In [Acts 20:1-17](#), Luke records several _____ taken by Paul that reveal his _____ for the churches he had founded.

Notes on the events leading up to Paul's departure from Ephesus:

Apostolic, Pastoral Love Drives Paul's Plans (vv. 1-2)

uproar (thorybos) =

Paul was no doubt _____ that the Ephesian believers might be _____ by the threat of further rioting and opposition.

Paul's _____ was actually Jerusalem, but he would get there via Macedonia and Achaia. The main _____ of this part of the journey was to collect an _____ for the poor believers at Jerusalem.

By generously meeting the needs of the poor _____ believers at Jerusalem, the _____ believers would affirm their love for them.

Notes from [1 Corinthians 16:1-8](#) and [Romans 15:25-29](#) on this offering:



Notes on the cities of [Macedonia](#):

Philippi

Thessalonica

Berea

Greece (Corinth)

Paul's Love Costs Him Time and Alters His Plans (vv. 3-6)

In addition to cleaning house at the church there, the three months in _____ afforded Paul the time to write the book of _____.

plot (epyboule) =

Notes on Paul's original travel plans:

This wicked plot deprived Paul of a _____, short sea route to Syria. With no hope of reaching Jerusalem by _____, he willingly altered his plans to arrive in time for the next feast, _____.

Paul's _____ came from the Roman provinces in which he had ministered. They were likely the official _____ of their churches and were coming to deliver the _____ collected on behalf of their respective churches.

Notes on the travel details Luke records:

Notice that even as a believer, the Jewish _____ were still important in Paul's life, though now they had taken on additional Christian _____ since Resurrection Sunday also coincides with the _____.

All of this excruciating travel was out of Paul's _____ for Christ and His church.