

THE LIFE OF PAUL - God's Plan, Jesus' Promise, and Our Response

Week 11

1. GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A PLAN - Paul walks through Israel's history to show that God was working through every generation and that His plan ultimately pointed to Jesus.

Key Point: Even when we cannot see how everything fits together, God is still working according to His purpose.

Acts 13:23 — "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised."

2. GOD FULFILLED HIS PROMISE - God promised David that a Savior and King would come through his family line. Jesus was the fulfillment of that promise.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 — "I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely... The LORD Our Righteous Savior."

Key Point: God keeps His promises—even when His answer comes differently than we expected.

The people had prayed for and waited for the promised Savior, yet many failed to recognize Jesus when God fulfilled the promise.

For us: We can become so focused on the answer we want that we miss the answer God is already giving.

3. JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARED THE WAY - John was sent to prepare people for Jesus by preaching repentance and baptism.

Acts 13:24-25 — John pointed people away from himself and toward the One who was coming after him.

Key Point: Knowing about God is not enough. We must respond to Him with repentance, faith, and surrender.

4. REJECTION DID NOT STOP GOD'S PLAN - Jesus was rejected and crucified, but His rejection did not destroy God's purpose. Instead, what happened fulfilled what God had already revealed through the prophets.

Acts 13:27-29 — Jesus was condemned and crucified, "when they had carried out all that was written about him."

Key Point: Opposition, rejection, and difficult circumstances do not mean God has lost control.

Instead of only asking God to remove the struggle, we can ask:

"God, how are You using this situation for Your purpose?"

5. BUT GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD - The cross was not the end. God raised Jesus from the dead, demonstrating that His power is greater than sin, rejection, and death.

Acts 13:30 — "But God raised him from the dead."

Key Point: The resurrection is the foundation of the good news we believe and proclaim.

6. JESUS OFFERS FORGIVENESS AND FREEDOM - Paul reaches the central point of his message: through Jesus, forgiveness of sins is available to everyone who believes.

Acts 13:38-39 — "Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin."

Justification: Through faith in Jesus, God declares the believer righteous. We cannot earn it through good works or religious effort. It is received by grace through faith.

7. THE MESSAGE REQUIRES A RESPONSE - Paul ends with a serious warning not to reject the message of Christ.

Acts 13:40-41 — "Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you..."

Key Point: We each have a choice. We can believe in Jesus, surrender our lives to Him, and receive His forgiveness—or reject Him.

THIS WEEK'S TAKEAWAY

God's plan has always pointed to Jesus.

God keeps His promises.

We should not miss God's answers because they look different than expected.

Our struggles and opposition cannot stop God's purpose.

Jesus died, was raised from the dead, and offers forgiveness to everyone who believes.

The gospel calls us to make a personal response.

Acts 13:39 — "Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin."



Sunday Worship Services

8:00, 9:30 & 11am

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