

He who is in you is  
greater than he  
who is in the world.

**1 John 4:4**





# The Kingdom Spreads

*A Study of Acts*

**This is  
Paul's Story**

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Acts 22:1-16





**Acts 22:1** "Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you." **2** And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he said, **3** "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today. **4** I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons, **5** as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

**6** "But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me, **7** and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' **8** And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.' **9** And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. **10** And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.' **11** But since I could not see because of the

brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus. **12**

"A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, **13** came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him. **14** And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth. **15** For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. **16** Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'



**17** "It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance, **18** and I saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.' **19** And I said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You. **20** And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.' **21** And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

**Paul had zeal, but  
he needed knowledge.**

**His Story**

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**Romans 10:1-4**

**Paul had zeal, but  
he needed knowledge.**

**His Story**

**Paul had faith, but  
he needed salvation.**

**His Story**

**Paul had ability, but  
he needed a mission.**

**His Story**

# What is My Story?

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