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The King & His Kingdom of Life Acts 28.17-31

Main Idea

Christ the King has defeated death and He advances His restoration in all the world.

Overview

- **Death by Dullness**
 - Paul delivers the message of the Kingdom to Jewish leaders upon his arrival (28.17)
 - Explains that he is innocent and hasn't taught anything contrary to the fathers (28.17)
 - He teaches straight from the 1T that Christ is the Hope of Israel (28.20, 23)
 - Some Leaders believe others don't: They get offended at Paul's application of them in Is. 6.9-10 (28.26-27)
 - Core of this says they hear & see things, but they just don't get it
 - This is due to hearts that have "grown dull" (28.27)
 - So their proximity to the Truth contributed directly to their taking it for granted & eventually abandoning the truth of the Gospel
 - Due to the Jews dullness of heart, the Lord has moved salvation to the Gentiles (28.28)
- **Kingdom is Life**
 - Sin's entering into the world brought separation from the God who imparts life: Death came in
 - Kingdom of God is a Kingdom that imparts Restoration by its bringing Life
 - This comes by the power of the Resurrection which is what Paul is on trial for (24.21)
 - It was the Kingdom that Paul was teaching (28.23, 31)
 - The Kingdom of God: The Domain of God's Life giving reign on earth
- **Kingdom of Life is to advance into all the world by the message of the Gospel**
 - Death reigns in the places where there is no church to tell & teach the message of the Kingdom
 - The work of Missions is the bringing of the life giving message of the Gospel to dead places
 - 28.31 connotes the passing of the Gospel from Jew to Gentile, Jerusalem to Rome...with "no hindrance"
 - Though the task is not yet complete: Christ's works in Acts 1.8 is ringing true

Questions

Discussion starter: Share some things you have learned and been helped by in walking through the Book of Acts.

1. Why is it Paul is going to the Jewish leaders first? (Romans 1.16)
2. Does Paul seem to read the 1T (OT) differently or is he creating a new “sect”? (Vs. 17, 20, 23)
3. How is it the Jews have had hearts that have “grown dull”?
4. How are we in danger of the same?
5. What are ways we domesticate Christ and he turns dull?
6. What is meant by the “Kingdom of God”?
7. How do we actively live in the Kingdom of God? What is meant by the “already not yet” of the Kingdom? Give some examples of the “already not yet” aspect of Kingdom life.
8. How does the Kingdom inform all spheres of life?
9. How does the Kingdom advance to the Nations? Why must it advance to the nations?
10. What are some ways Restoration Church is advancing the Kingdom of Life in this city and the world at large? How are you doing participating in this Mission?

Accountability Question: In what areas do you see Christ as “dull?” In what areas are you not living in the “life” of the Kingdom?