

# PAUL'S FINAL DAYS

CHAPTER THIRTY

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THE  
STORY

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- The Apostle Paul and the Emperor Nero lived in the same city at the same time. They were contemporaries





# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT NERO?

- He was married to Poppaea Sabina
- She took daily baths in donkey's milk to keep her skin soft
- Servants would dry her down with swans down



# WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT NERO?

- They would dry her hands with the mucus of crocodiles
- He used to stage lavish parties and invite himself to be the entertainment.
- He deified himself at the age of 25 about the same time the Apostle Paul was in prison.
- He erected a 120 foot statue with his own figure at the top.



# THE APOSTLE PAUL'S APPEARANCE

He was bald  
headed, bow  
legged

Strongly built

A man small in size  
with a large nose



# THE APOSTLE PAUL'S APPEARANCE

- Scars spider webbed his back
- Old wounds stiffen his joints





## 2 Corinthians 11: 25-27

**25.** Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

**26.** *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;



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**27. *I have been*** in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, In cold and exposure

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# PAULS MINISTRY

- In Ephesus he worked in the morning and then preach that afternoon in the Hall of Terraneus.
- He would preach from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m..
- He preached 3,120 hours over two years.



# PAULS EPISTLES

- Paul wrote letters to:
  - The Roman Church
  - The Galatian church
  - The Corinthian Church
  - The Ephesian Church
- And Personal pastoral epistles to Titus and Timothy



# FAVORITE SCRIPTURES FROM THE PAULINE EPISTLES

- *Be anxious for nothing*
- *Our citizenship is in heaven*
- *He spoke of the love of Christ which passes knowledge*
- *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*



# FAVORITE SCRIPTURES FROM THE PAULINE EPISTLES

- *Paul could turn an ink well into healing ointment*
- *He could turn a pen into a surgeon's scalpel*
- *We could call him the Apostle of Grace*



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- The whole city was aroused and people came running from all directions seizing Paul they dragged him from the temple and immediately the gates were shut.
- While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops, that the whole city of Jerusalem was uproar.
  - A Christian life is a rough life
    - but it is a good life



## 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

*<sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. <sup>9</sup> He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,*



## 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

***10*** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

***11*** And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.



## 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

***12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.***



# **THE UPPER STORY AND THE LOWER STORY**

**That God has a plan that began before time  
and well continue after this version of earth  
and He uses the upper story to administrate  
the lower story .**



## 2 Tim.4:6-8

*For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*



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*A ship hoisting the anchor, raising the sails, leaving the harbor, and setting sail for a distant port*

*It refers to an Army breaking camp*

*It's time for a man to lay his burden down*



## **2 Tim.4:7**

***7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.***

***This verse was engraved on the tombstone of Billy Sunday***



# FIGHT THE FIGHT OF FAITH!

- Are you fighting the good fight?
- What began on the Damascus Road was concluded on a Roman chopping block.
  - Finish Strong!
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- By the grace of God, let's finish strong for Jesus. Amen!