

Paul: Apostle to the Gentiles?

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“Jews” and “Gentiles” in the NT

Acts 26:23 that the Christ was to suffer, *and* that by reason of *His* resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the **Jewish** people and to the **Gentiles**.”

ALL “CHRISTIANS” IN THE SENSE OF BEING FOLLOWERS OF “THE MESSIAH”						
Mainstream Jews (who didn't believe in Jesus)- also a diverse group!	Pharisaic Jewish Believers	Jewish Believers	Hellenistic Jewish Believers	Godfearing Gentile Believers (w/some knowledge of Judaism)	Gentile Believers	Pagan (unbelieving) Gentiles
<p>John 5:15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.</p> <p>Gal. 1:13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.</p>	<p>Acts 15:5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.”</p>	<p>PAUL (ex.)</p> <p>Rom. 11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.</p>	<p>Acts 6:1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing <i>in number</i>, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the <i>native</i> Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of <i>food</i>.</p>	<p>Acts 10:2 a <u>devout man</u> and one who <u>feared God with all his household</u>, and <u>gave many alms to the Jewish people</u> and <u>prayed to God continually</u>.</p> <p>Acts 10:22 They said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews...</p> <p>Acts 13:43 Now when <i>the meeting of the synagogue</i> had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.</p> <p>Acts 17:4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.</p> <p>Acts 17:17 So he was reasoning in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.</p>	<p>Acts 11:1 Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.</p>	<p>Matt. 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and <i>their</i> great men exercise authority over them.</p>
ALL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF “JEWS/JUDAISM”				ALL WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF “GENTILES”		

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Where the word “gentile(s)” is used in Scripture...

(All: 102 “gentile” or 89 “gentiles”)

- **Old Testament (3)** (“gentile” 5)
 - Nehemiah (1)
 - Isaiah (2)
- **New Testament (86)** (“gentile” 97)
 - Matthew (5)
 - Mark (2)
 - Luke (4)
 - Acts (30) (“gentile” 34)
 - Romans (23) (“gentile” 28)
 - 1 Corinthians (2)
 - 2 Corinthians (1)
 - Galatians (9) (“gentile” 10)
 - Ephesians (5)
 - Colossians (1) (“gentile” 2)
 - 1 Thessalonians (1)
 - 1 Timothy (1)
 - 2 Timothy (1)
 - Revelation (1)

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- **“Nations” (goy) All (537)**
- **Old Testament (497)**
 - Genesis (17)
 - Exodus (3)
 - Leviticus (9)
 - Numbers (4)
 - Deuteronomy (38)
 - Joshua (8)
 - Judges (3)
 - 1 Samuel (2)
 - 2 Samuel (5)
 - 1 Kings (5)
 - 2 Kings (9)
 - 1 Chronicles (10)
 - 2 Chronicles (8)
 - Nehemiah (6)
 - Job (2)
 - Psalms (72)
 - Proverbs (1)
 - Isaiah (67)
 - Jeremiah (54)
 - Lamentations (7)
 - Ezekiel (94)
 - Daniel (7)
 - Hosea (6)
 - Joel (8)
 - Amos (2)
 - Obadiah (4)
 - Micah (9)
 - Nahum (2)
 - Habakkuk (7)
 - Zephaniah (4)
 - Haggai (1)
 - Zechariah (20)
 - Malachi (3)
- **New Testament (40)**
 - Matthew (6)
 - Mark (2)
 - Luke (4)
 - Acts (5)
 - Romans (3)
 - Galatians (1)
 - 1 Timothy (1)
 - James (1)
 - Revelation (17)

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Matthew

1. Matthew 4:15

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the **Gentiles**—

2. Matthew 10:5

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the **Gentiles** or enter any town of the Samaritans.

3. Matthew 10:18

On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the **Gentiles**.

4. Matthew 20:19

and will hand him over to the **Gentiles** to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

5. Matthew 20:25

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the **Gentiles** lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Mark

1. Mark 10:33

“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the **Gentiles**,

2. Mark 10:42

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the **Gentiles** lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

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Luke

1. Luke 2:32

a light for revelation to the **Gentiles**, and the glory of your people Israel."

2. Luke 18:32

He will be delivered over to the **Gentiles**. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him;

3. Luke 21:24

They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the **Gentiles** until the times of the **Gentiles** are fulfilled.

4. Luke 22:25

Jesus said to them, "The kings of the **Gentiles** lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

Acts

1. Acts 4:27

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the **Gentiles** and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

2. Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the **Gentiles** and their kings and to the people of Israel.

3. Acts 10:28

He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a **Gentile**. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

4. Acts 10:45

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on **Gentiles**.

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5. Acts 11:1

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the **Gentiles** also had received the word of God.

6. Acts 11:18

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to **Gentiles** God has granted repentance that leads to life."

7. Acts 13:16

Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "**Fellow Israelites** and you **Gentiles** who worship God, listen to me!

8. Acts 13:26

"**Fellow children of Abraham** and you God-fearing **Gentiles**, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

9. Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the **Gentiles**."

10. Acts 13:47

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: **For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the **Gentiles**, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."**

11. Acts 13:48

When the **Gentiles** heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

12. Acts 14:2

But **the Jews who refused to believe** stirred up the other **Gentiles** and poisoned their minds against the brothers.

13. Acts 14:5

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There was a plot afoot among both **Gentiles** and **Jews**, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them.

14. Acts 14:27

On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the **Gentiles**.

15. Acts 15:3

The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the **Gentiles** had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad.

16. Acts 15:5

Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The **Gentiles** must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.”

17. Acts 15:7

After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “**Brothers**, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the **Gentiles** might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.

18. Acts 15:10

Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of **Gentiles** a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?

19. Acts 15:12

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the **Gentiles** through them.

20. Acts 15:14

Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the **Gentiles**.

21. Acts 15:17

that the rest of mankind [i.e. in addition to the Jews] may seek the Lord, even all the **Gentiles** who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’—

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22. Acts 15:19

“It is my judgment, therefore, that **we** should not make it difficult for the **Gentiles** who are turning to God.

23. Acts 15:22

The Council’s Letter to **Gentile** Believers

Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers.

24. Acts 15:23

With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the **Gentile** believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings.

25. Acts 18:6

But when **they** opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to **them**, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. **From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”**

26. Acts 21:11

Coming over to us, he took Paul’s belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, “The Holy Spirit says, ‘In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and **will hand him over to the Gentiles.**’”

27. Acts 21:19

[Back in Jerusalem]: Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the **Gentiles** through his ministry.

28. Acts 21:21

They have been informed that **you teach all the Jews** who live among the **Gentiles** to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs.

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29. Acts 21:25

As for the **Gentile** believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.”

30. Acts 22:21

“Then the Lord said to me, ‘Go; I will send you far away to the **Gentiles**.’”

31. Acts 26:17

I will rescue you **from your own people** and from the **Gentiles**. I am sending you to them

32. Acts 26:20

First to those in Damascus, **then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea**, and then to the **Gentiles**, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

33. Acts 26:23

[to Agrippa]: that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light **to his own people** **and** to the **Gentiles**.”

34. Acts 28:28

“Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the **Gentiles**, and they will listen!”

Romans

1. Romans 1:5

Through him **we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles** to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake.

2. Romans 1:6

And you also are among those **Gentiles** who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

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3. Romans 1:13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, **just as I have had among the other Gentiles.**

4. Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: **first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

5. Romans 2:9

There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;**

6. Romans 2:10

but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.**

7. Romans 2:14

(Indeed, when **Gentiles**, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law.)

8. Romans 2:24

As it is written: "God's name is blasphemed among the **Gentiles** because of you."

9. Romans 3:9

What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that **Jews** and **Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.**

10. Romans 3:22

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is **no difference between Jew and Gentile,**

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11. Romans 3:29

Or is God the **God of Jews only**? Is he not the God of **Gentiles** too? Yes, of **Gentiles** too,

12. Romans 9:24

even us, whom he also called, **not only from the Jews** but also from the **Gentiles**?

13. Romans 9:30

What then shall we say? That the **Gentiles**, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;

14. Romans 10:12

For there is **no difference between Jew** and **Gentile**—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,

15. Romans 11:11

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, **salvation has come to the Gentiles** to make **Israel envious**.

16. Romans 11:12

But if **their** transgression means riches for the world, and **their** loss means **riches for the Gentiles**, how much greater riches will **their** full inclusion bring!

17. Romans 11:13

I am talking to you **Gentiles**. Inasmuch as **I am the apostle to the Gentiles**, I take pride in my ministry

18. Romans 11:25

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: **Israel has experienced a hardening in part** until the full number [NIV] [NASB: “fullness”] of the **Gentiles** has come in,

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19. Romans 15:9

and, moreover, that the **Gentiles** might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the **Gentiles**; I will sing the praises of your name.”

20. Romans 15:10

Again, it says, “Rejoice, you **Gentiles**, with his people.”

21. Romans 15:11

And again, “Praise the Lord, all you **Gentiles**; let all the peoples extol him.”

22. Romans 15:12

And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the **Gentiles** will hope.”

23. Romans 15:14

Paul the Minister to the **Gentiles** [heading]

24. Romans 15:16

to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the **Gentiles**. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the **Gentiles** might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

25. Romans 15:18

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the **Gentiles** to obey God by what I have said and done—

26. Romans 15:27

They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the **Gentiles** have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.

27. Romans 16:4

They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the **Gentiles** are grateful to them.

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28. Romans 16:26

but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the **Gentiles** might come to the obedience that comes from faith—

1 Corinthians

1. 1 Corinthians 1:23

but we preach Christ crucified: a **stumbling block to Jews** and **foolishness to Gentiles**,

2. 1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—**whether Jews or Gentiles**, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

2 Corinthians

I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from **my fellow Jews**, in danger from **Gentiles**; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

Galatians

1. Galatians 1:16

to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the **Gentiles**, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when **God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace**, was pleased

2. Galatians 2:2

I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them **the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles**. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain.

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3. Galatians 2:8

For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the **Gentiles**.

4. Galatians 2:9

James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the **Gentiles**, and they to the circumcised.

Peter Chosen to preach to the Gentiles:

Acts 10 (Cornelius) – “first contact”

Acts 15:7

After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.

5. Galatians 2:12

For before certain men came from James, he [Peter] used to eat with the **Gentiles**. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the **Gentiles** because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.

6. Galatians 2:14

When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a **Gentile** and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force **Gentiles** to follow Jewish customs?”

7. Galatians 2:15

“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful **Gentiles**

8. Galatians 3:8

Scripture foresaw that God would justify the **Gentiles** by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.”

9. Galatians 3:14

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the **Gentiles** through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

10. Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor **Gentile**, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians

1. Ephesians 2:11

Jew and **Gentile** Reconciled Through Christ

Therefore, remember that **formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised”** by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—¹² remember that at that time you were **separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship** in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, **without hope and without God** in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is **our peace**, who has **made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility**, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself **one new humanity** out of the two, thus **making peace**, ¹⁶ and **in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross**, by which he **put to death their hostility**. ¹⁷ He came and preached **peace to you who were far away** and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him **we both have access** to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are **no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people** and also **members of his household**, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is **joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord**. ²² And in him you too are being **built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit**.

2. Ephesians 3:1

God’s Marvelous Plan for the **Gentiles**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus **for the sake of you Gentiles**—

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3. Ephesians 3:6

This mystery is that through the gospel the **Gentiles** are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

4. Ephesians 3:8

Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, **this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles** the boundless riches of Christ,

5. Ephesians 4:17

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must **no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.**

Colossians

1. Colossians 1:27

To them God has chosen to make known among the **Gentiles** the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

2. Colossians 3:11

Here there is no **Gentile** or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

1 Thessalonians 2:16

in their effort to keep us from **speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved.** In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

1 Timothy 2:7

And for this purpose **I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.**

2 Timothy 4:17

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

Revelation 11:2

But **exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.** They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

Peter, Paul, and the Gentiles (Key moments)

<u>Jesus and Gentiles</u>	
<p>“Do not go in <i>the</i> way of <i>the</i> Gentiles, and do not enter <i>any</i> city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt 10:5-6, NASB)</p> <p>Matt 8:5-13 (Centurion’s servant)</p> <p>Matt 15:21-28 (Syrophonecian woman)</p> <p>“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (but healed b/c of her faith)</p> <p>Matt 28:19</p> <p>“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”</p> <p>Mark 5:1-20 (demon possessed man in the area of the Gerasenes)</p> <p>Jesus sends the demons into pigs</p> <p>John 4:7-42 (Samaritan woman)</p> <p>“Salvation is from [of] the Jews”</p> <p>Acts 1:8</p> <p>“you shall be My witnesses...even to the remotest part of the earth”</p>	
Peter	Paul
Disciple of Jesus	Persecutor of Jesus
<p>Acts 2</p> <p>(17) “I will pour out my Spirit on <i>all mankind</i>.”</p> <p>(21) <i>everyone</i> who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved</p> <p>(22) <i>Men of Israel</i>...</p> <p>(29) <i>Brethren...the patriarch David</i></p> <p>(36) Let <i>all the house of Israel</i> know...</p> <p>(39) ...the promise is for <i>you</i> and <i>your children</i> and for <i>all who are bfar off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself</i></p>	
<p>Acts 3 (preaches clearly to “Men of Israel...brethren” and refers to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the fathers, Moses, the prophets, Samuel,”</p> <p>But also quotes “in your seed <i>all the families of the earth</i> shall be blessed” and says “for you <i>first</i>...”</p>	

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Acts 4 – Entangled with the Jewish authorities, is jailed then questioned, preaches (v. 8), is released	
	Acts 7:58 – At Stephen’s Stoning (so Paul heard Stephen’s whole sermon??)
Philip Acts 8 – In Samaria (4-24) <i>Ethiopian Eunuch (most likely a Jew: came to Jerusalem to worship, reading Isaiah) vv 25-39</i>	
Peter	Paul
	Acts 9 - Persecutor
	Acts 9 – Conversion on road to Damascus (stays in Damascus— <i>preaching to Gentiles there??</i> , then in Arabia)
Acts 10 – Cornelius (gentiles) “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean” (15). “I now realize ... that God ... accepts men from <i>every nation</i> ” (Acts 10:34)	
Galatians 2:9 (14 years after – in Jerusalem) James/Peter/John to the Jews – Paul and Barnabas to the Gentiles	
<p>⁷ But on the contrary, seeing that I had been ^aentrusted with the ^bgospel ¹to the uncircumcised, just as ^cPeter had been ²to the circumcised ⁸ (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his ^aapostleship ¹to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles), ⁹ and recognizing ^athe grace that had been given to me, ^{1b}James and ^cCephas and John, who were ^dreputed to be ^epillars, gave to me and ^fBarnabas the ^gright ²hand of fellowship, so that we ^hmight go to the Gentiles and ⁱthey to the circumcised.</p>	
<p>In Galatians 2, Paul mentions the Council (1-10) and then as his next topic mentions the conflict with Peter (11-21). <i>There is debate as to whether the conflict with Peter happened after the Council or before. Some think it took place long before the Council.</i></p>	
<p>¹¹ “But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. ¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”</p>	
<p>(Some scholars say the confrontation was not with ‘another’ Peter/Cephas.) Link</p>	

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Peter	Paul
	<p>Acts 13 – Paul and Barnabas sent out from Antioch. Proclaim the gospel in synagogues on Cyprus. Then sail to Perga in Pamphylia, then on to Pisidian Antioch where Paul preaches in a synagogue (16-41) – invited back the next Sabbath, but the leaders were jealous of the crowds and so contradicted them. So they turn now to the gentiles and “shook the dust off their feet” (51).</p>  <p>Paul and Barnabas would have sailed from Cyprus to one of these ports on the Turkish coast before traveling to Perga.</p>  <p>Mark R. Fairchild suggests that Paul traveled from Perga up the Kestros River Valley to Pisidian Antioch, the route indicated in green.</p> <p>Link</p>
<p>Acts 15: “God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.”</p> <p><i>Considering dates of (1) when events happened and also (2) when they were written about, is there a “hidden theme in Acts” of showing Peter as the more worthy apostle to the Gentiles and thus with credit for the spread of Christianity?</i></p>	

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	<p>Acts 18 – Paul in Corinth (meets Aquila and Priscilla); reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath “trying to persuade Jews and Greeks” (4). Testifies to the Jews (5), But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” (6)</p> <p>Then Paul <u>left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.</u></p> <p>Paul goes to Syria with Priscilla and Aquila, arrives in Ephesus, goes into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. They ask him to come back and he declines, saying he’ll come back if it’s God’s will.</p>
	<p>Acts 21 and 22 – Returns to Jerusalem; while at the temple is arrested and beaten; gives his defense in chapter 22 to a Jewish crowd – recounts his testimony. Here God says he will send him far away to the Gentiles seemingly as a way to get away from those who would come after him since he’d been a persecutor.</p>
	<p>Acts 23:6 – Before the Sanhedrin: “I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees,”</p>
	<p>Acts 24 – Testimony before Festus (affirms his Jewish observance (14) “I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way ... I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,” (17-); offerings in the temple,</p>
	<p>Acts 26 – Testimony to Agrippa: chosen to bring the gospel to the Gentiles.</p>

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	<p>Acts 28 – In Rome (under house arrest) – still preaches to the local Jewish leaders (17) and to the people (23) “from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus” and after they are divided in their views, he makes a final statement from Isaiah and then says,</p> <p>“Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!” (28)</p>
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Paul says this of himself...

Romans 1:5

Through him **we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles** to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake.

Romans 11:13

I am talking to you **Gentiles**. Inasmuch as **I am the apostle to the Gentiles**, I take pride in my ministry

Galatians 2:8-9

For **God**, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, **was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles**.

James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. **They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.**

1 Timothy 2:7

And for this purpose **I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.**

Paul’s missionary journeys (song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qRgylHUy-Q>