

REMEMBERING THE POOR

“After An Absence Of
Several Years, I Came To
Jerusalem To Bring My
People Gifts For The Poor
And To Present Offerings.

Acts 24-17

In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews. Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do.

Galatians 2:9-10

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

— Acts 20:16 (NASB®)

**ACTS
20:22-23**

22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

Relief to Judea (Acts 11:27-30)

- Prophets came to Antioch from Jerusalem
- Agabus prophesied that there would be a famine throughout all the world.
- Happened in the days of Claudius Caesar (~A.D. 41-54)
- “Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul”

PAUL'S TRAVEL PLANS

Now concerning the collection for the holy ones: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift (*charis*) to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way, wherever I go. But I will stay here in Ephesus until Shavuot (Pentecost).

(1 Corinthians 16:1-8)



ministry of reconciliation

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-21



“The Macedonians begged us repeatedly for the *charis* (grace) and *koinonia* (fellowship) of the *diakonia* (ministry) to the holy ones.” (2Cor. 8:4)

LOVE INCARNATE

“Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this grace.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”

(2 Cor. 8:7, 9)

2 Corinthians 9:13

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, people will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

