

# Speeches of Paul in Acts

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## Explanation

As with Peter (see chart 13-6), the book of Acts contains seven speeches of the apostle Paul. In 122 verses, Paul addresses Jews in Antioch, Jerusalem, and Rome; ruling Greeks in Athens; King Agrippa in Caesarea; and converts of the John the Baptist and the elders of the church in Ephesus. Paul spoke to Jews and Gentiles passionately and articulately. His major themes covered Jesus as the promised Savior and man's kinship to God assured by Christ's resurrection; receiving the Holy Ghost and laboring to remain true Christians; and conversion, calling, obedience, and testimony.

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## Reference

Gary L. Hatch, "Paul among the Rhetoricians: A Model for Proclaiming Christ," in *The Apostle Paul: His Life and His Testimony, Sidney B. Sperry Symposium*, ed. Paul Y. Hoskisson (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1994), 65–79.

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AUDIENCE	THEMES	REFERENCE
Synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia	Jesus, the promised Davidic Savior	Acts 13:16–47
Athenians on Mars' Hill	Man's kinship to God assured by Jesus' resurrection	Acts 17:22–31
Followers of John the Baptist in Ephesus	Receive the Holy Ghost	Acts 19:2–4
Farewell speech to the elders of the church from Ephesus	Labor to remain true Christians	Acts 20:18–35
The angry mob at the temple in Jerusalem	Visions of conversion and calling	Acts 22:3–21
Defense before Agrippa	Obedience to the heavenly vision	Acts 26:2–29
Jews in Rome	Testimony delivered and turned to the Gentiles	Acts 28:17–28