

## SESSION 3

### LASHES & ARROWS

#### I. PAUL'S ASSIGNMENT

- A. Paul's assignment was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ among the Gentiles, who don't know or care much about this ([Colossians 1:26](#), [Ephesians 3:8](#))
- B. If Paul were alive today, he would likely be called an arrogant fool; however, Paul knew his assignment
- C. Every child of Adam and Eve will have an opportunity to hear the Gospel through other children of Adam and Eve who are obedient to the imperative (to share with all)

#### II. FILLING UP WHAT IS LACKING IN THE AFFLICTIONS OF JESUS

- A. No one has had it harder, has done more, has gone farther, or had a greater burden for the church than Paul ([2 Corinthians 11:23-33](#))
  - 1. And still everyone left him
- B. Paul knows that what man may consider foolish, God does not ([Philippians 1:19-26](#))
  - 1. Paul was not looking for martyrdom
  - 2. We do not seek death
- C. We don't have to die to fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Jesus
  - 1. But we must live with a "martyr spirit"
  - 2. Our lives must reflect the cross
- D. Will we allow the Lord to write the story of our lives?