

Paul's 3 Sins

- *Arguing with Barnabas wasn't a sin.*

Quite frankly I'm surprised at how many commentators do hermeneutical gymnastics emphatically denying a literal interpretation of all three of these straight forward statements:

"who said to Paul through the Spirit. . .not go"

"circumcised him because of the Jews"

"all may know that. . .thou walkest orderly and keepest the Law"

- **"took and circumcised Timothy"**, Acts 16.3
- *"Disciples [elegon **ελεγον**, kept telling] Paul **through the Spirit** not to set foot in Jerusalem," [Acts 21.4], Paul disregards Spirit's instructions and "departed and went our way. . .we took ship." [Acts 21.5,6]*

Even though the Spirit later seems to grant reluctant permission to go [Acts 21.11,12] knowing he would be arrested in Jerusalem.

** Church planting ministry cut short by 2 years while waiting in Caesarean jail. God had already promised Paul he would stand before kings. Acts 9.15 [message delivered by Ananias].*

- Taking vow to prove **"thou keepest the Law,"** Acts 21.24

YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

Which of the above statements are you willing say are not to be understood literally?

Luke, Paul's most constant companion for 15+ years, wasn't hesitant to relate in his book of Acts that Paul missed it a couple times.