island, but with much difficulty. Crete is also the location to which Paul wrote the epistle of Titus. He tells Titus, “I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done, and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you” (Titus 1.5). So Paul must have been on Crete as some other portion of his ministry that Acts does not narrate. Today we will explore the great Minoan palace of Knossos, which was eventually overtaken by the Mycenaeans around 1450 BCE and then travel on to Gortyna, the traditional location of Paul’s ministry on Crete. There we will visit the Basilica of St. Titus and the Greek and Roman remains of this city, which was second only to Knossos in greatness during the time of Paul. Dinner and overnight in Heraklion (B, D)

May 28 Sat CRETE – FLY ATHENS
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May 29 Sun Transfer to Athens Airport for flight back home.

Join us as we visit and explore the cities in which the Christian religion was born! Encounter the material world of the early Church through an immersion experience that will:

1) illumine various aspects of the New Testament;
2) provide a real sense of the geography and history of early Christianity;
3) heighten awareness of the pagan world in which Christianity was born; and
4) help you understand the history and culture of Greece.

Cost of Trip:
- Tuition for 3 hours: $1,965
- Summer School Fee: $12
- Program Fee: $2,600
  - Housing (13 nights in 4* hotels)
  - 13 Breakfats and Dinners
  - Insurance
  - Air, Land, and Water transportation within Greece
  - All entry fees, tips, service charges and local taxes
- Books: $100
- Airfare: Not included, about $1,400
- Lunches: approximately $250

Total: $6,327

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May 16 Mon Arrive by plane in Thessaloniki
Our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “CLEMSON UNIVERSITY” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel in Thessaloniki. (D)

May 17 Tue KAVALA/NEAPOLIS
After breakfast, drive to Kavala. We’ll have orientation to Paul’s journeys in Greece and visit the location where Christian tradition says that Paul, Timothy and Silas first landed on mainland Europe during his second missionary journey. You’ll have the afternoon off to go swimming in the Aegean, take a nap, or explore the beautiful Kavala, one of Greece’s most picturesque mainland ports. Overnight in Kavala (B, D).

May 18 Wed NEAPOLIS – PHILIPPI – AMPHIPOLIS – THESSALONIKI
After breakfast, we’ll travel to Philippi, where Paul, intending to find a place to pray by the riverside, spoke to women who had gathered there among whom was Lydia, the seller of purple and whose heart the Lord opened to hear the words that he spoke (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. Visit the place where this event is remembered and see a crypt dating from the Roman period, which is thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. See the famous Acropolis, the Market Place, the Basilica, and the Theater. In the afternoon we’ll visit the Greek and Roman ruins of Amphipolis and its archaeological museum, through which Paul traveled on his way to Thessaloniki. We will then travel to Thessaloniki for overnight lodging (B,D).

May 19 Thu THESSALONIKI
In Thessaloniki, the city where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down by his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6), and the church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles, visit St. George’s Basilica, where tradition holds it is built over the synagogue where Paul preached and the excavated forum, including the Odeon, the place where Jason, one of Paul’s followers, was dragged before the city council. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Free afternoon in Thessaloniki with an optional visit the Archaeological Museum.

Overnight in Thessaloniki (B, D).

May 20 Fri THESSALONIKI – VERIA (BEREA) – METEORA
After breakfast and some free time in Thessaloniki, we will travel to Berea for lunch. When the apostle Paul arrived in Veria (Berea), he went to the Jewish synagogue, where he discovered the Jews had accepted the new faith along with some honorable Greeks (Act 17: 10-12). We’ll visit the long-standing Jewish sections of Berea and to the site where tradition says Paul preached in the synagogue there. In the afternoon we’ll continue on to the rock forest of Meteor (Kalambaka) in western Thessaly. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka (B,D).

May 21 Sat METEORA
Today we will ponder the rough terrain in which the apostle Paul walked during his missionary journey. We will see famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on summits of soaring, sheer-sided grey rock pinnacles of varied and spectacular shapes. We will visit several of these monasteries. Dinner and overnight in Kalamaka (B,D).

May 22 Sun METEORA – DELPHI - ATHENS
After breakfast, we will travel to scenic Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world, considered by early Greeks to be the center of the world and marked by the conical stone, called the omphalos or navel. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, the Theatre, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle performed his or her prophetic rituals. With pagan ruins surrounding your walk, capture a glimpse of the challenge the apostle Paul incurred in preaching the Gospel of Christ in Macedonia. Visit the Museum where you will view many ancient treasures, the chief of which is the 5th century bronzed Charioteer, complete with even eyelashes. Dinner and overnight in Athens (B,D)

May 23 Mon ATHENS
Enjoy the architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens as you follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. Visit Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood and said, “ I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Acts 17:23). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)

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