

# THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 20:32-38

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### TITLE:

The Apostle's Farewell Address - PART 5

*BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD*

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### THEME:

*Acts 1:8*

*"But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **"you shall be witnesses to Me"** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

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In Liverpool England in the 1940's one of England's most prominent ship builder's had just completed yet another beautiful cruise ship - built to span the globe, all preparations were made to christen the ship, the band playing, the queen in her place and the crowd gathered - Just then, Joe, the guy responsible for securing the ship's launch gave the signal to the president of the company, "all secure for launch" the president gives a bow to the queen as she down on the ramp went to the ship, down into the water went the ship & down to the bottom when that ship.... Joe had forgot to shut a utility door!

## The Church of Jesus Christ is like a Ship

that's been prepared for a global journey - to carry her people around the world to spread the good news of Jesus Christ -  
**but we mustn't leave any doors open!**

Hebrews 2:10

the captain of their salvation is Jesus Christ!!!

## And Jesus Himself Gave Warning !!!

Matthew 10:16

**"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**

Matthew 26:41

**AT THE END OF HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY JESUS SAID**

**"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.**

Last Week

## We Mentioned (4) points that are Vital for us as believers - vv. 28-38

1.) He Gives Us Warning About Our Future

vv. 28-31

### **WARNING US THAT**

A. The Work of the Lord, is the Work of the Lord vv. 28

#1 The taking heed to yourselves

#2 The taking heed to the flock

**1 Timothy 3:1**

**If a man desires the position of a bishop, Pastor  
(let him have his head examined) - he desires a good work.**

#3 That the Church has been bought at a Price

### *The Church is Important to God...*

- It's Important to the **Father** because it has **His Name** On it
- It's Important to the **Holy Spirit** because **He lives** Inside of it
- It's Important to the **Son** because it has **His blood** Over it

**1 Timothy 4:16**

**Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both  
yourself and those who hear you.**

### **WARNING US THAT**

B. That There will be Dangers Around Us vv. 29

### **WARNING US THAT**

C. There are Dangers Among Us vv. 30

## WARNING US THAT

D. There Are Dangers from Within Us vv. 31-35

### HE LISTED 5 SINS THAT THREATEN

#### *THE JOURNEY OF THIS OR ANY CHURCH*

Sins that are destructive to the Pastor and to the Body

1. **Carelessness** There is a danger of falling asleep at the wheel

\* **Watch** GRK 1127 gregoreuo (gray-gor-yoo'-o)  
to keep awake, to be alert and vigilant

2.) **Shallowness** we need to be well balanced in prayer and in the word

3.) **Covetousness** a consuming and controlling desire to have things

4.) **Laziness** there wasn't a self-serving attitude, others didn't serve Paul

5.) **Selfishness** The True Meaning to this Be-Attitude

2.) He Gives Us Warning About Ourselves vv. 32

## WARNING US THAT

A. He Warns Us about Our Position in Christ vv. 32

\* **Commend** GRK 3908 paratithemi (par-at-ith'-ay-mee);  
to place alongside, to deposit or to hold in safe keeping  
(to tuck into bed)

*Paul here, on the Shore Ready to set sail....*

I commend you to God

I'm Tucking you into His (Pastoral) Care

Rebekah our 13 year old, extremely creative in art, writing, in crafts and in cooking - getting more independent every day - until bed time!

**"Dad, it's time to Pray"**

*(I can be sick or sleeping or in the garage)*

**"Dad, it's time to Pray"**

But The Day is Coming when her husband will take my place...

**"Sweetheart It's time to Pray"**

Time will come to Hand 'Em Over

**JESUS DID THAT FOR US IN JOHN 17  
JESUS DID THAT FOR HIMSELF ON THE CROSS "INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND**

\* Grace GRK 5485 charis (khar'-ece)  
the divine impression - influence upon the heart, unreasonable favor, an unearned gift, undeserving pleasure, - worthiness

I commend to the word of His grace,

I'm Tucking you into The Word (Bible) of His Grace

**Grace, Giving it out,**  
is the true Body-Building Routine of the Church

**Grace, Resting in it,**  
focusing on what God has down for us

**Grace, Enjoying God,**  
understanding that you have been saved, cleansed, washed pure

Romans 5:1-2

having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, :2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we **stand**,..... and **rejoice** in hope of the **glory** of God.

*You would never tie a brink to the tail of a kite*

Christianity is not a bunch of Do Do's  
but a bunch of Can Can's

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Ezekiel 36:27

**"I will put My Spirit within you and I will cause you** to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. by His Spirit

**Jesus , God , Church , Faith**

Can Be an Absolute Pain and Drag if the Holy Spirit is not in You

you'll be trying to act saved  
you'll be trying to talk saved, feel saved, think saved

**Frustration !!!**

which is able to build you up

The Bible

which is able to **give you an inheritance**

The Bible

**Not Earned, Not Bargained For, Not Deserved**

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Today's Lesson Begins Here vv.32

# He Gives Us Warning About the Future

## 2.) He Warns Us to Consider Ourselves

vv. 32

among all those who **are sanctified**

\* **sanctified** 37 **hagiazō** (hag-ee-ad'-zo)

to make holy (the unholy) , to make pure (the impure) to consecrate what which was not consecrated (**to be set apart from sin and set apart for holiness**)

### **EXAMPLE;**

In the O.T. The Material things of the tabernacle had to be sanctified by anointing with Oil (Ex 40)

**Anointing all the Vessels of the Tabernacle with Oil, setting them apart!!!**

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but HAVE** *(someday if they try hard enough, peddle their bicycle long enough, knock on doors Saturday's hard enough... only then can you maybe earn)* **everlasting life.**

Hebrews 10:10

we **have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once** (a week or annually) **and for all.**

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Hebrews 10:14

For by **one offering** he has perfected forever them that **are sanctified.**

An Amplified Reading Of The Text is Like This;

He has made us absolutely, once and for all time, perfected by himself being the sacrifice, and that's not all. Day by day we are becoming more like him because we have been sanctified.

Oil Poured On - Set Apart, taken out of something and placed into another

Sanctification, (Is a Declaration from Heaven)  
it's NOT a Process

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There's Nothing In The Bible That Says Sanctification Is A Process

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Greek aorist tense, in a moment of time,  
a past fact, an event in time. - it happened

You Are Not Being Bought, Being Redeemed - It's a  
Done Deal !!!

When you Come to Jesus in Faith, His Grace saves you  
once and for all

But have you truly (on His terms) come to Christ ?

## Understand SANCTIFICATION

IT IS GOD'S ACT OF REMOVING THE SINNER  
FROM THE DEMANDS OF SIN

THE WAGES OF SIN PAYS DIVIDENDS

Each of us have broken the law of God and are guilty

- thou shalt not commit murder - Jesus said hate
- thou shalt not commit adultery - Jesus said thought
  - thou shalt not lie - Jesus said yes, yes

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

# MANY ARE PRAYING FOR CROP FAILURE

## GRACE SAYS - I'LL PAY YOUR DEBT FOR YOU

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, :10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. :11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Your Sanctification is Complete (It's Historic)  
So You Can Walk like it - Talk like it - Act like it

*We Do Mature in the Lord*

*WRESTLE WITH SIN NOW.... But that's not Sanctification*

The Story About The Father *who was trying to deal with his rebellious 2 year old was overheard saying "Albert, stay calm, Albert, take it easy, Albert, don't do anything stupid, Albert, watch that temper" just then a lady said, "what a patient father you are with that little Albert" but the father turned to her and said "Lady, I'm Albert!"*

### 3.) He Gives Us Warning About Stuff

vv. 33-35

*From Verses 33-35, There Are (3) Things  
That We Need To Know*

#### A. To Watch Over Our Eyes & Heart

vv. 33

**That wouldn't be good for me**

**He Gives Us Warning About Stuff**

#### B. Be Quick to Perform Christian love

vv. 35a



# He Gives Us Warning About Stuff

## C. To Think About the Needs of Others

vv. 35b

1 Reason why Russia is a blast

1 Timothy 6:6

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. :7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. :8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. :9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. :10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

## *Giving Gods Way*

every time I give - I give away a part of my **selfishness**,  
the more I give to God the more I am freed from **selfishness**

the more I horde **in** my heart - the more I board **up** my heart against your needs

**Tithing** is not giving to God- tithing is returning to God what is His

**Giving** is in addition to my tithing, returning to God

## 4.) He Warns Us About Our Life Style

vv. 36-38

*Finally, from Verses 36-38, There's (2) Things  
That We Need To Know*

### A.) In Prayer

vv. 36a

#### I Think They Prayed Like This...

O' God please keep our pastor safe - bless the journey that lies ahead of him - Remind him always of our love for him - Remind him always that his work toward us was not in vain - tell him often that we are growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus...

#### I Think Paul Prayed Like This...

Father, please don't let any of these guys fall from grace - cause them to hunger for your word and to walk in a way that brings you glory - remind them of all that I taught them - give them discernment to know what is the right thing to do

Colossians 2:5

For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

To them, Paul was as good as dead, He was Leaving  
he was never going to be seen again

## **CHRISTIANS ARE NEVER REALLY SEPARATED**

### He Warns Us About Our Lifestyle

B.) In a Physical Display of Love vv. 37-38

I am Proud (in the Lord) of this Church  
*in my absences...*

*you're loving, you're warm, you're easy to teach and to be with*

### They're Wrong

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

*Wrong*  
*Here, There, or in the Air*

Is your ship sailing or sinking ?  
Captain Jesus