

ACTS 20; October 21; Paul's Tearful Farewell At Ephesus

ANALYSIS:

1. After Paul left Ephesus, in what two countries does he exhort the disciples before returning to Ephesus? _____
2. While Paul was preaching at Troas, who disrupted the service and how? _____
3. How does Paul describe his service to the Lord as he talks with the elders from Ephesus? _____
4. About what two-fold danger did Paul warn the elders of the church at Ephesus? _____
5. Which of Paul's words brought the most sorrow to the elders from Ephesus? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Paul's touching farewell to the Ephesian elders and through them to the Ephesian church is his third speech thus far recorded by Luke. The first addressed the Jews in the synagogue at Pisidia Antioch (13:12-41). There Paul supported with many O.T. references that Jesus was the promised Savior. The second was addressed to Gentiles at Mars' Hill in Athens (17:22-31). Paul called all men to judgment and accountability by the resurrection of Jesus. This third address is to the church (20:18-35). Here Paul gives his testimony as a true servant of Christ wholly sold out to this Lord and Master. He also warns against false doctrine and teachers, and includes many touching references to his loving care for their souls. No wonder they wept sore as they kissed him a final good-bye!

We should thank God for our pastor who constantly commends us to God and the word of his grace (v 32). Our present spiritual security and future confidence in the day of final judgment will be determined by the attention we give to knowing, loving and keeping God's revealed and preserved and preached word. Are you reading and meditating in God's word today?

HELP:

1. Macedonia (vs 1, 3), and Greece (v 2).
2. Eutychus, a young man, fell asleep and fell from a third story window and was taken up as dead. Paul restored his life (by God's power) and continued preaching until daybreak (vs 6-11).
3. In humility of mind, with many tears and temptations, keeping back nothing in teaching, testifying to both Jews and Greeks (vs 19-20).
4. Grievous wolves would attack the church, and men from within would arise speaking perverse things to get a following (vs 29-30).
5. That they should see his face no more (v 38).