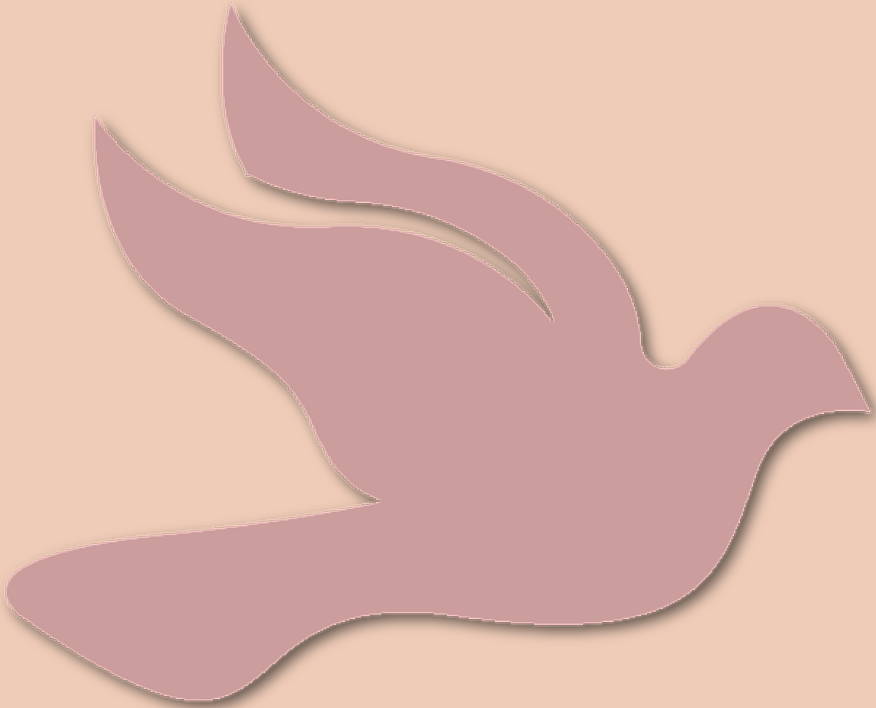


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All About Acts (Acts 1:1-5)

Proposition: Here in these opening verses we can glean some themes that will give us an idea of what is to come weeks and months to follow. Every one of us will be commanded, comforted and changed by the five foundational truths that are set forth in these opening verses.

I. The Sent Petition (Vs. 1)

- A. The Writer of the Petition (Vs. 1a)
- B. The Reader of the Petition (Vs. 1b)

II. The Specific Purpose (Vs. 1)

- A. A Clarifying Purpose (Vs. 1a)
- B. A Connecting Purpose (Vs. 1a)
- C. A Constructing Purpose (Vs. 1a)

III. The Saviour's Presence (Vs. 1-2)

- A. Jesus' Resurrection Presence (Vs. 1c, 3)
- B. Jesus' Retreating Presence (Vs. 2a)
- C. Jesus' Remaining Presence

IV. The Spirits Power (Vs. 2b,4-5)

- A. An Essential Power (Vs. 4)
- B. An Available Power (Vs. 5)

V. The Saint's Part (Vs. 2b, 4a)

- A. The Saint's Pattern (Vs. 2b, 4a)
- B. the Saint's Participation (Vs. 5b)

Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me (Acts 1:6-8)

Proposition: Our church can keep the main thing the main thing and effectively change the world around us by understanding the four principals drawn from these final words of Jesus before His ascension.

I. The Explanation of Dominion (Vs. 6-7)

- A. The Timing of Dominion (Vs. 6)
- B. The Traits of Dominion (Vs. 3c)
- C. The Truth of Dominion (Vs. 7)

II. The Expectation upon the Disciples (Vs. 8c)

- A. The Disciple's Participation (Vs. 8c)
- B. The Disciple's Position (Vs. 8c)

III. The Enablement for the Directive (Vs. 8a-b)

- A. An Essential Enablement (Vs. 8a)
- B. An Expected Enablement (Vs. 8b)

IV. The Extent of the Duty (Vs. 8c-f)

- A. The Parameters of the Duty (Vs. 8c-f)
- B. The Passion for the Duty (Vs. 8c-f)

The Glorious Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts 1: 9-11; Luke 24:50-53)

Proposition: Every one of us, both saved and lost, must come to grips with the importance of the ascension by reviewing three critical truths set forth in these ascension passages.

I. Realize the Astonishing Moment of the Ascension

- A. His Words of Blessing (Luke 24:50-51)
- B. His Withdrawal to Beulah (Acts 1:9)
- C. The Worship of Believers (Luke 24:52-53)

II. Remember the Angelic Message of the Ascension (Vs. 10-11)

- A. His Sovereign Reign (Vs. 10)
- B. His Servant's Responsibility (Vs. 11a-d)
- C. His Sure Return (Vs. 11d-f)

III. Rely on the Applied Meaning of the Ascension

- A. A High Priestly Intercession (1 John 2:1)
- B. A Bride Groom Preparation (John 14:1-3)
- C. A Time Sensitive Declaration (Acts 17:30-31)

What To Do While Waiting On The Promise (Acts 1:12-26)

Proposition: Every member of the body of Christ can draw out essential activities to adhere to that will insure a proper participation in the church of God while we wait on the Son of God.

I. The Assembly of the Believers (Vs. 12-15b)

A. The Location for Believers (Vs. 12-13)

B. The List of Believers (Vs. 13, 14b, 15b)

C. The Love of Believers (Vs. 14a)

II. The Action of the Body (Vs. 14a)

A. A Priority of Prayer (Vs. 14a)

B. A Persistence in Prayer (Vs. 14a)

C. A Power in Prayer (Ch. 2)

III. The Administration by the Brethren (Vs. 16-17; 20-25a, 26)

A. The Need for Administration (Vs. 16-17; 20-22)

B. The Naming of the Appointee (Vs. 23-25a; 26)

C. The Nonexistence of the Apostles (Vs. 21-22)

IV. The Advancement beyond the Betrayal (Vs. 18-20; 25)

A. The Tragedy of the Betrayer (Vs. 18-20)

B. The Tendency if the Betrayed (Vs. 24-25b)

C. The Threat to Every Being (Vs. 25c)

The Power For The Hour (Acts 2:1-14)

Proposition: Every Christian can utilize the power of the Holy Spirit in their life and the life of their church by remembering the 6 essential principals, found in these verses.

- 1) The Moment was Typified. (Vs. 1a)**
- 2) The Members were Unified. (Vs. 1b)**
- 3) The Might was Symbolized. (Vs. 2-3)**
- 4) The Message was Vocalized. (Vs. 4,6-8)**
- 5) The Messiah was Glorified. (Vs. 11)**
- 6) The Masses were Stupefied. (Vs. 9-11a; 12-13)**

Relaying The Urgent Message To The Masses (Acts 2:14-21)

Proposition: Three vital characteristics for each and every one of us in relating the urgency of the Gospel message to the masses.

I. The Common Instrument of the Message (Vs. 14)

A. A Frail Instrument (Vs. 14a-b)

B. A Filled Instrument (Vs. 14c-h)

II. The Concise Instruction of the Message (Vs. 15-20)

A. The Present Instruction (Vs. 15-18)

B. The Prophetic Instruction (Vs. 19-20)

III. The Clear Emphasis of the Message (Vs. 21)

A. A Shared Message (Vs. 21a)

B. A Single Message (Vs. 21b)

C. A Saving Message (Vs. 21c)

The Bloodguiltiness of Man (Acts 2:22-24)

Proposition: Just as the crowd that cried out for His death and the Roman governor that conceded and the Jews that insisted on it and the soldiers that carried it out are guilty, so is the heart of every man born in sin and rebellion to God culpable in this crime. There are four reasons that man is bloodguilty before the eyes of God.

Man is bloodguilty because of...

I. The Characteristics of the Saviour (Vs. 22)

- A. A Divine Approval (Vs. 22a-c)
- B. A Demonstrated Approval (Vs. 22c)

II. The Counsel of the Sovereign (Vs. 23a)

- A. God Furnished His Son (Vs. 23a)
- B. God Foreknew His Sufferings (Vs. 23a)

III. The Crucifixion of the Son (Vs. 23b)

- A. He was Rejected as the Deliverer (Vs. 23b)
- B. They were Responsible for His Death (Vs. 23b)

IV. The Continuation beyond the Sepulcher (Vs. 24)

- A. The Raising of the Redeemer (Vs. 24a-b)
- B. The Reason for the Resurrection (Vs. 24c)

A Resurrection Confirmation (Acts 2:22-36)

Proposition: Every one of us must lay hold of the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and can do so by following the four resurrection confirmation truths sets forth in his Day of Pentecost Sermon.

I. The Review of David's Comments (Vs. 25-28)

- A. These were Promising Comments (Vs. 25-26,28)
- B. These were Prophetic Comments (Vs. 27)

II. The Reality of Death's Corruption (Vs. 29)

- A. The Corruption of a King (Vs. 29a-c)
- C. The Corruption of the Cursed (Vs. 29d)

III. The Right of a Descendant's Coronation (Vs. 30-31)

- A. A Descendant Monarch (Vs. 30a-d)
- B. A Descendant Messiah (Vs. 30e-31)

IV. The Revelation of a Divine Conquering (Vs. 32-36)

- A. A Divine Power (Vs. 32)
- B. A Divine Promise (Vs. 33b-c)
- C. A Divine Position (Vs. 33a, 34-35)
- D. A Divine Proof (Vs. 36)

A Saving Reaction To The Gospel (Acts 2:37-40)

Proposition: Every person on this planet will react one way or another react to the call of the gospel. Whether it is the bushman in Africa reacting to the light of creation and conscience or that average Joe in America, reacting to the gospel message coming through the television, every person will react to the gospel. The question is will that reaction be a saving reaction or a damning reaction. Here in our text are three instructions to a saving reaction to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I. Receive the Address of the Saints (Vs. 37, 40)

A. A Piercing Address (Vs. 37a-b)

B. A Preserving Address (Vs. 40)

II. Realize the Agony over Sin (Vs. 37b-d)

A. The Agony of Conviction (Vs. 37b)

B. The Agony of Continuation (Vs. 37c-d)

III. React to the Answer of Salvation (Vs. 38-39)

A. The Answer of Repentance (Vs. 38a-b)

B. The Answer of Rejection (Vs. 38c)

C. The Answer of Reception (Vs. 38d-39)

The Way Church Ought to Be – Part 1 (Acts 2:41-42)

Proposition: In our world today there is no end to the debate over how church ought to be: contemporary, traditional, progressive or missional. But here in our text we see a slice of the first century church that cannot be overlooked. Our church can be the church God wants us to be, by each and every one of us exemplifying the four essential characteristics found in these two verses.

I. They were Gloriously Converted (vs. 41a)

- A. There was a Gospel Reception (“...received his word...”)
- B. There was a Glad Realization (“...gladly...”)

II. They were Publicly Consecrated (vs. 41a)

- A. The Test of Baptism (“...were baptized...”)
- B. The Testimony of Baptism (“...were baptized...”)

III. They were Uniformly Combined (vs. 41b)

- A. A Corporate Affiliation (“...were added unto them...”)
- B. A Collective Accountability (“...were added unto them...”)

IV. They were Steadfastly Continuing (vs. 42)

- A. There was a Devotion to Christ (“...continued stedfastly...”)
- B. There was a Doctrinal Center (“...apostles' doctrine...”)
- C. There was a Demonstrated Communion (vs. 42b)

The Way Church Ought to Be – Part 2 (Acts 2:43-47)

Proposition: Every one of us can strive to be the Christian that we ought to be individually so that we may be the church we ought to be collectively by copying the four distinguishing traits of a New Testament church found in the remaining verses of Acts chapter 2.

I. They were Recognizably Conspicuous (Vs. 43)

A. Conspicuous in their Awe (Vs. 43a)

B. Conspicuous in their Activity (Vs. 43b)

II. They were Generously Contributing (Vs. 44-45)

A. A Benevolent Contributing (Vs. 44)

B. A Bountiful Contributing (Vs. 45)

III. They were Purposely Converging (Vs. 46-47a)

A. Purposeful in their Gathering (Vs. 46a-c)

B. Purposeful in their Gladness (Vs. 46d-47a)

IV. They were Divinely Climbing (Vs. 47b-c)

A. Divinely Attracting (Vs. 47b)

B. Divinely Adding (Vs. 47c)

The Miracle In Me (Acts 3:1-11)

Proposition: Here in our text is a perfect comparison between the sick healed and the sinner saved. Every one of us can identify with this same miracle working power by contemplating three similarities found in our text.

I. Compare the Tragedy of the Man (Vs. 2)

- A. A Disabled Man (Vs. 2a)
- B. A Dependent Man (Vs. 2b)
- C. A Destitute Man (Vs. 2c)

II. Consider the Transformation by the Miracle (Vs. 3-8)

- A. The Sight Pryor to the Miracle (Vs. 3-4)
- B. The Statement Proclaimed in the Miracle (Vs. 5-6)
- C. The Strengthening Preformed by the Miracle (Vs. 7-8a)
- D. The Shout Produced from the Miracle (Vs. 8 b)

III. Conclude the Testimony before the Multitude (Vs. 9-11)

- A. An Acquainted Multitude (Vs. 9-10a)
- B. An Amazed Multitude (Vs. 10b)
- C. An Assembled Multitude (Vs. 11)

This Could Be You! (Acts 3:11-26)

Proposition: Peter gives to them, and to us, four instructions that take us from being spiritually bankrupt to being spiritually blessed!

I. Recognize the Rejection of Christ (Vs. 12-15a)

A. A Senseless Rejection (Vs. 12-13)

B. A Serious Rejection (Vs. 14)

C. A Sinful Rejection (Vs. 15a)

II. Receive the Revelation about Christ (Vs. 15b-18)

A. A Proven Revelation (Vs. 15b)

B. A Powerful Revelation (Vs. 16)

C. A Prophetic Revelation (Vs. 17-18)

III. Remember the Return of Christ (Vs. 21-24)

A. The Truth of His Return (Vs. 21)

B. The Telling of His Return (Vs. 22,24)

C. The Terror of His Return (Vs. 23)

IV. Release your Repentance before Christ (Vs. 19, 25-26)

A. The Call of Repentance (Vs. 19a)

B. The Comfort of Repentance (Vs. 19b, 25-26a)

C. The Condition of Repentance (Vs. 26b)

The Christian In Conflict (Acts 4:1-12)

Proposition: In this scene of scripture there can be found four instructions that will aid each and every one of us in being fruitful in the fires of conflict.

I. Recognize a Staunch Adversary (Vs. 1-2; 5-7)

A. A Formidable Adversary (Vs. 1,5-6)

B. A Focused Adversary (Vs. 2,7)

II. Remember a Sovereign Advance (Vs. 3-4)

A. A Sure Advance (Vs. 4)

B. A Sacrificial Advance (Vs. 3)

III. Rely on Spiritual Aid (Vs. 8-11)

A. Spiritual Aid for Courage (Vs. 8-9)

B. Spiritual Aid for Conviction (Vs. 10)

IV. Render a Saving Answer (Vs. 11-12)

A. The Narrowness of Salvation (Vs. 12a)

B. The Name of Salvation (Vs. 12b)

C. The Necessity of Salvation (Vs. 12c)

They Had Been With Jesus (Acts 4:13-22)

Proposition: Every one of us can plainly if we have been spending time with Jesus by seeing the three clear characteristics of such a relationship found in this text.

I. They were Uncompromising in their Adherence (Vs. 13)

A. A Daring Adherence (Vs. 13a-b)

B. A Declaring Adherence (Vs. 13c)

II. They were Un-condemnable in their Action (Vs. 14-18; 21-22)

A. Actions Obviously Righteous (Vs. 14-16)

B. Actions Opposed Rigorously (Vs. 17-18; 21-22)

III. They were Unquenchable in their Affection (Vs. 19-20)

A. A Clear Affection (Vs. 19)

B. A Costly Affection (Vs. 20)

A World Shaking Church (Acts 4:23-33)

Proposition: Every one of us can peer into this text and see these marks and endeavor to make those marks a reality in our own church.

I. The Requirement of a Petition Made (Vs. 24-30)

- A. A Confidence on God's Word (Vs. 24-26)
- B. A Confession of God's Will (Vs. 27-28)
- C. A Call for God's Wonders (Vs. 29-30)
- D. A Concern for God's Worship (Vs. 30)

II. The Reaction of a Power Manifested (Vs. 31)

- A. A Divine Shaking (Vs. 31a)
- B. A Dominating Spirit (Vs. 31b)
- C. A Decisive Speech (Vs. 31c)

III. The Release of a People Mobilized (Vs. 31c-33)

- A. Publicly Verbalized (Vs. 31c)
- B. Personally Valued (Vs. 32)
- C. Practically Validated (Vs. 33)

The Ups and Downs of the Local Church (Acts 4:34-5:11)

Proposition: Every member of the church of the living God can come together to form a local church that will withstand the ups and downs of church life by following the three life instructions drawn from these verses.

I. We must Reveal a Significant Demonstration (Ch. 4:34-37)

A. A Prevailing Trait (Vs. 34-35)

B. A Particular Case (Vs. 36-67)

II. We must be Ready for a Satanic Deception (Ch. 5)

A. The Scene of Deception (Vs. 1-2, 4, 7-8)

B. The Source of Deception (Vs. 3, 9)

III. We must Remember a Spiritual Detection

A. The Persistence of Divine Presence (Vs. 3,7-8)

B. The Potential of Divine Punishment (Vs. 5-6, 9-10)

A High Definition View Of A Holy Church (Acts 5:11-16)

Proposition: Here in our text is a High Definition view of a Holy church that gives us three dimensions that create a vivid example of a Christ honoring church in any age.

I. The Purity of the Church's Membership (Vs. 11, 12b-13)

- A. The Awe of its Membership (Vs. 11, 13)
- B. The Accord of its Membership (Vs. 12b)
- C. The Assembly of its Membership (Vs. 12b)

II. The Progress of the Church's Message (Vs. 14)

- A. The Belief of the Message (Vs. 14a)
- B. The Belonging of the Message (Vs. 14a)
- C. The “Both” of the Message (Vs. 14b)

III. The Power of the Church's Ministry (Vs. 12a, 15-16)

- A. A Pointing Ministry (Vs. 12a)
- B. A Purposeful Ministry (Vs. 15-16)
- C. A Picturing Ministry (Vs. 15-16)

The Expectations of Obeying God - Part 1 (Acts 5:17-32)

Proposition: Every Christian can continue to stand for their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ no matter what the world around us, the flesh within us or the Devil before us will throw at us, by preparing and protecting their heart with three specific expectation that can be drawn from these verses.

I. Expect an Aimed Adversity (Vs. 17-18)

- A. The Reason for Adversity (Vs. 17)
- B. The Reality of Adversity (Vs. 18a)
- C. The Results of Adversity (Vs. 18b)

II. Expect a Divine Deliverance (Vs. 19-26)

- A. The Cause of Deliverance (Vs. 19)
- B. The Continuance of Deliverance (Vs. 20-21a)
- C. The Confounding of Deliverance (Vs. 21a-25)

III. Expect a Promised Platform (Vs. 26-32)

- A. The Platform of Discouragement (Vs. 26-28)
- B. The Platform of Decision (Vs. 29)
- C. The Platform of Declaration (Vs. 31-32)

Expectations of Obeying God - Part 2 (Acts 5:33-42)

Proposition: Every one of us, as followers of Jesus Christ, can prepare our hearts for the road of obedience to God ahead of us by applying three more expectations that are found in these final verses of Ch. 5.

I. Expect a Reversing Providence

- A. God's Providence in the Isolated Circumstance (Vs. 33-40)
- B. God's Providence in the Overall Church (Vs. 39)

II. Expect a Revealed Position (Vs. 33-39)

- A. Revealing the Anger of Some (Vs. 33)
- B. Revealing the Ambiguity of Others (Vs. 34-39)

III. Expect a Resulting Path (Vs. 40-42)

- A. A Path of Injury (Vs. 40)
- B. A Path of Identification (Vs. 41)
- C. A Path of Insistence (Vs. 42)

How To Have Holy Harmony In The House Of God (Acts 6:1-7)

Proposition: Here in our text I believe we can find some real answers to church conflict, before it ever arrives on our door step. Every one of us can participate in helping this house of God to have a holy harmony, by following the three instructions drawn from this account in Acts chapter six.

I. Realize the Potential for Problems (Vs. 1)

- A. The Potential for Crowds (Vs. 1a-b)
- B. The Potential for Conflict (Vs. 1c-d)

II. Review the Principals that are Presented (Vs. 3-6)

- A. The Principal for the Pastor (Vs. 2, 4, 6b-c)
- B. The Principal for the Placed (Vs. 3, 5b-e)
- C. The Principal for the People (Vs. 5a, 6a)

III. Remember the Purpose of our Presence (Vs. 7)

- A. The Purpose of Declaring (Vs. 7a)
- B. The Purpose of Discipling (Vs. 7b-c)

The Sketch Of A True Hero (Acts 6:8-15)

Proposition: Now unlike the super-heroes of our movies, none of you are going to be bit by a radioactive spider, and I dare say, none of you are from the planet Krypton so the likelihood of you being a super-hero by the worlds standards are slim to none. But if you are a child of God here today, saved by the grace of God, than there is now reason that you or I cannot be the same type of hero for God that Stephen is here in our text. Every one of us can be the same kind of hero for God by following three key instructions that can be drawn from this account of Stephens confrontation.

I. Copy the Sketch of his Personal Character (Vs. 8)

- A. The Trust he Demonstrated (Vs. 8a-b)
- B. The Testimony he Displayed (Vs. 8c)
- C. The Truth he Declared (Vs. 10)

II. Consider the Story of his Present Conflict (Vs. 9-14)

- A. An Opposition Collected (Vs. 9,12)
- B. An Accusation Cast (Vs. 10-11)
- C. A Misrepresentation Created (Vs. 13-14)

III. Color your Scene with his Peaceful Countenance (Vs. 15)

- A. A Heavenly Countenance (Vs. 15b)
- B. A Holy Confidence (Vs. 15a-b)

The Last Altar Call (Acts 7:1-53)

Proposition: I want us to quickly run through this message and highlight three distinctive segments to the message of Stephen, helping us understand where he is going and how God is using his message and finally one point of application.

I. The Allegations of the Sanhedrin (Ch. 6: 11-15)

- A. Crimes Against the Sovereign (Vs. 11d)
- B. Crimes Against the Scriptures (Vs. 11c; 13c; 14c)
- C. Crimes Against the Sanctuary (Vs. 13b, 14b)

II. The Indications of the Scripture (Ch. 7:2-50)

- A. Concerning a Place of Revelation
- B. Concerning a People of Rebellion
- C. Concerning a Person of Rejection

III. The Condemnations of the Servant (Vs. 51-53)

- A. Resisting the Spirit of God (Vs. 51)
- B. Rejecting the Son of God (Vs. 52)
- C. Refusing the Statutes of God (Vs. 53)

IV. The Applications of the Sermon

- A. The Application to the Saint
- B. The Application to the Sinner

How To Be A Successful Christian (Acts 7:54-60)

Proposition: I want us to take a look at this man named Stephen in the last moments of his life and draw out 4 actions that we can take to have a successful Christian life.

I. Keep a Convicting Speech (Vs. 54)

- A. No matter the Revelation (Vs. 54a-b, 56)
- B. No matter the Reaction (Vs. 54c)

II. Get a Clear Sight (Vs. 55)

- A. A Clear Sight of the Saviour (Vs. 55)
- B. A Clear Sight of the Sovereign (Vs. 55)

III. Make a Courageous Stand (Vs. 57-58)

- A. Despite Refusal (Vs. 57)
- B. Despite Retaliation (Vs. 58)

IV. Have a Christ-like Similarity (Vs. 59-60)

- A. Christ-likeness in Longing (Vs. 59)
- B. Christ-likeness in Love (Vs. 60)

The Hand Of God In The Battlefield Of Life (Acts 8:1-4)

Proposition: We may well be in a battle. A battle with very real dangers. But be assured, the Hand of God is always in the midst of the battle. Every one of us are on this battlefield, but we can take courage that the hand of God is actively working on our behalf by seeing three instances of God at work in this war.

I. The Existence of a Conflict (Vs. 1a-b, 3)

- A. The Spread of this Conflict (Vs. 1b, 3b-c)
- B. The Source of this Conflict (Vs. 1a, 3a)
- C. The Similarities of this Conflict (Vs. 1b)

II. The Example of these Characters (Vs. 2)

- A. The Description of these Characters (Vs. 2a)
- B. The Dedication of these Characters (Vs. 2a)
- C. The Declaration of these Characters (Vs. 2b)

III. The Expansion of the Kingdom (Vs. 1c, 4)

- A. The Foiled Plot against the Kingdom (Vs. 1c)
- B. The Furthering Plan for the Kingdom (Vs. 4)
- C. The Faithful Preaching of the Kingdom (Vs. 4)

A Blueprint For The Furtherance Of The Gospel (Acts 8:3-8)

Proposition: For us, some nearly 2000 years later this text becomes a blueprint for what Paul called, “the furtherance of the gospel”. In this account, there are four actions that every Christian can perform that can allow us to be used of God for the building of the Kingdom of God.

I. Duplicate the Means of the Gospel (Vs. 3-5)

- A. By Scattering the Gospel (Vs. 3-4)
- B. By Sending the Gospel (Vs. 5a)

II. Declare the Message of the Gospel (Vs. 4-5)

- A. By the Proof of the Scriptures (Vs. 4)
- B. By the Preaching of the Saviour (Vs. 5b)

III. Demonstrate the Manifestation of the Gospel (Vs. 6-7)

- A. By the Hearing of Salvation (Vs. 6)
- B. By the Halting of Spirits (Vs. 7a-c)
- C. By the Healing of Sickness (Vs. 7d-f)

IV. Display the Mark of the Gospel (Vs. 8)

- A. Internal to the Saint (Vs. 8)
- B. Impacting in the City (Vs. 8)

If You Can't Beat'em, Join'em (Acts 8:9-13)

(Motives of a False Convert or Motives of a Faltering Church)

Proposition: Every one of us here today can avoid being a false convert or a faltering church by avoiding the three glaring motives that fueled the actions of Simon the Sorcerer in our text.

I. The Motive of Fleeting Greatness (Vs. 9-11)

A. His Ability (Vs. 9)

B. His Notoriety (Vs. 10-11)

II. The Motive of Fevered Greed (Vs. 12)

A. The Loss of His Audience (Vs. 12a)

B. The Loss of His Attraction (Vs. 12b-d)

III. The Motive of False Glory (Vs. 13, 19)

A. A Lust for Power (Vs. 13)

B. A Longing for Prominence (Vs. 19)

When The Gospel Takes Root (Acts 8:14-25)

Proposition: Here in this text, we see three tale-tale signs that every Christian should be aware of and pray for where their desire is for the Gospel to take root in a community.

I. A Demonstration of the Faith (Vs. 14-17)

- A. The Reception of the Faith (Vs. 14a)
- B. The Inspection of the Faith (Vs. 14b)
- C. The Supplication of the Faith (Vs. 15)
- D. The Identification of the Faith (Vs. 17a)
- E. The Sanctification of the Faith (Vs. 17b, 16)

II.A Detecting of the False (Vs. 18-24)

- A. A Faulty Conclusion (Vs. 18-19)
- B. A Fierce Condemnation (Vs. 20-23)
- C. A Fleshly Concern (Vs. 24)

III. A Determination for the Furtherance (Vs. 25)

- A. An Eye-Opening Experience (Vs. 25a-c)
- B. A Stage-Setting Experience (Vs. 25d)

New Testament Personal Evangelism (Part 1) (Acts 8:26-30)

Proposition: Every disciple of Jesus Christ can be a soul winner and lead people to Jesus Christ by following three commands gleaned out of this passage of scripture.

I. Listen for a Purposeful Command (Vs. 26-27a)

A. A Divine Order (Vs. 26)

B. A Dutiful Obedience (Vs. 27a)

II. Lean on a Providential Cultivation (Vs. 27b-28)

A. In His Social Stature (Vs. 27b-f)

B. In His Spiritual State (Vs. 28)

III. Learn a Pronounced Courage (Vs. 29-30)

A. Courage to Approach (Vs. 29)

B. Courage to Ask (Vs. 30)

New Testament Personal Evangelism (Part 2) (Acts 8:30-40)

Proposition: Here in this text there are further truths that will give every Christian the ability to share Jesus Christ with the lost around us.

- I. Be Available for the Teaching (Vs. 30-31)**
- II. Be Aware of the Truth (Vs. 32-35, 37a)**
- III. Be Approving of their Testimony (Vs. 36-38b)**
- IV. Be Assisting in their Travel (Vs. 38-39)**
- V. Be Advancing in your Telling (Vs. 39b-c, 40)**

Salvation Lessons From The Conversion Of Saul (Acts 9:1-9)

Proposition: Every person here can better understand God's saving work by understanding three important lessons drawn from this scene of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

I. A Lesson on the Conversion of Sinners

- A. The Different Scenes of Conversion
- B. The Divine Sovereignty of Conversion

II. A Lesson the Care of Saints

- A. The Awareness of Christ
- B. The Activity of Christ

III. A Lesson on the Conviction of Sin

- A. The Inroads of Conviction
- B. The Individuality of Conviction

Instructions For Knowing And Doing The Will Of God (Acts 9:10-18)

Proposition: I believe the account of Ananias' call can give us every child of God detailed instructions for knowing and doing the will of God when we are confronted by it.

I. Be Discerning of the Lord's Communication (Vs. 10)

- A. Be a Follower of God's Prescribed Commands (Vs. 10a)
- B. Be Faithful to God's Personal Call (Vs. 10b)

II. Be Direct with your own Concerns (Vs. 11-14)

- A. His Concerns over Destruction (Vs. 13)
- B. His Concerns of Danger (Vs. 14)

III. Be Discerning of the Lord's Comfort (Vs. 15-16)

- A. Take Comfort from God's Provision (Vs. 15)
- B. Take Comfort in God's Plan (Vs. 16)

IV. Be Deliberate in your own Conformity (Vs. 17-18)

- A. Show Conformity in your Departure (Vs. 17a)
- B. Show Conformity in your Demonstration (Vs. 17b)
- C. Show Conformity in your Dependence (Vs. 18)

Six Essentials Of A Strong Christian Life - Part 1 (Acts 9:17-25)

Proposition: Although we understand that the focus of this passage is on the dawning of the Christian ministry of the Apostle Paul, if we look close at the elements that make up those early days we can see an elemental pattern that will steer us into a strong Christian life.

I. An Assisting Family (Vs. 17-19)

- A. A Family Introduction (Vs. 17)
- B. A Family Induction (Vs. 18)
- C. A Family Intercession (Vs. 19)

II. An Announced Faith (Vs. 20-22)

- A. The Imparting of our Message (Vs. 20)
- B. The Impact of our Message (Vs. 21)
- C. The Emphasis of our Message (Vs. 22)

III. An Alarming Fight (Vs. 23-25)

- A. The Aggravation of the Examination (Vs. 23a)
- B. The Aggression of the Enemy (Vs. 23b-24)
- B. The Arrangement of an Escape (Vs. 25)

Six Essentials Of A Strong Christian Life - Part 2 (Acts 9:26-30)

Proposition: Although we understand that the focus of this passage is on the dawning of the Christian ministry of the Apostle Paul, if we look close at the elements that make up those early days we can see an elemental pattern that will steer us into a strong Christian life.

I. An Advocating Friend (Vs. 26-27)

A. An Encourager (Vs. 26-27a)

B. An Introducer (Vs. 27b-d)

II. An Anchoring Fellowship (Vs. 28-29b)

A. To Strengthen Bonds (Vs. 28)

B. To Support Boldness (Vs. 29a-b)

III. An Attending Father (Vs. 25; 29c-30)

A. To Protect

B. To Progress

Meanwhile, Back At The Church... (Acts 9:31)

Proposition: Every church member, every saved, born again believer, needs to understand the three truths given to us in verse 31 in order to be the church that God intends for us to be.

I. The Providential Endurance of the Church (Vs. 31a)

- A. The Church's Rescue (Vs. 31a)
- B. The Church's Rest (Vs. 31a)
- C. The Church's Reach (Vs. 31a)

II. The Purposeful Endeavor of the Church (Vs. 31b-d)

- A. The Edification of the Saint (Vs. 31b)
- B. The Esteem of the Sovereign (Vs. 31c)
- C. The Encouragement of the Spirit (Vs. 31d)

III. The Perpetual Expansion of the Church (Vs. 31e)

- A. The Result of Multiplication (Vs. 31e)
- B. The Reason for Multiplication (Vs. 31e)

When The Gospel Is On The Move (Acts 9:32-35)

Proposition: I believe that every member of this church can see God at work among us if we endeavor to see to it that the gospel is on the move among us as well. I want each and every one of us to see three characteristics of the gospel of Jesus Christ, when it is on the move. When the gospel is being shared three things can be seen.

I. It Spreads to new Places (Vs. 32)

- A. The Servant is Driven (Vs. 32a-b)
- B. The Separations are Disregarded (Vs. 32c)

II. It Signifies a Divine Power (Vs. 33-34)

- A. A Personal Despair (Vs. 33)
- B. A Purposeful Disclosure (Vs. 34a-e)
- C. A Powerful Demonstration (Vs. 34f)

III. It Supports a lone Purpose (Vs. 35)

- A. To Bare Testimony (Vs. 35a)
- B. To Bring Turning (Vs. 35b)

The Story Of A Sidelined Saint (Acts 9:36-43)

Proposition: Every child of God here tonight can get off the sidelines of fruitless, effective-less, productive-less Christian lives by tracing the account of Dorcus through three points of application.

I. The Account of her Love (Vs. 36, 39e)

A. In her Deeds (Vs. 36, 39e)

B. In her Designation (Vs. 36a-b)

II. The Arresting of her Labor (Vs. 37, 39a-d)

A. The Confinement of Death (Vs. 37)

B. The Contagion of Discouragement (Vs. 39a-d)

III. The Awakening of her Life (Vs. 38, 40-43)

A. A Persistent Action (Vs. 38)

B. A Prayerful Attendance (Vs. 40a-c)

C. A Pronounced Affect (Vs. 40d-43)

Sinners, Saints and Scenes (Acts 10:1-23)

Proposition: I want us to focus on how God is working to draw the sinner, to develop the saint and to direct the scenes of our lives.

I. The Drawing of the Sinner (Vs. 1-8)

A. Religiously Lost (Vs. 1-2)

B. Revealingly Loved (Vs. 3-8)

II. The Development of the Saint (Vs. 9-16)

A. A Previous Preparation (Vs. 9-10)

B. A Penetrating Picture (Vs. 11-16)

III. The Directing of the Scenes (Vs. 17-23)

A. Divine Meeting (Vs. 17-21)

B. A Direct Meaning (Vs. 22-23)

Boy, What A Meeting! (Acts 10:24-48)

Proposition: I believe there are key insights into our text that we can draw out that will increase our chances of having one of those encounters with God in His church that will have us saying when we leave, “Boy what a meeting!”

I. Exercise a Deliberate Preparation (Vs. 23-33)

A. Hand Preparation (Vs. 23-27)

B. Head Preparation (Vs. 28-29)

C. Heart Preparation (Vs. 30-33)

II. Enjoy a Glorious Declaration (Vs. 34-43)

A. The Hearers of the Declaration (Vs. 34-35)

B. The Heart of the Declaration (Vs. 36-42)

C. The Hope of the Declaration (Vs. 43)

III. Expect a Heavenly Vindication (Vs. 44-48)

A. The Spirit's Interruption (Vs. 44)

B. The Saint's Edification (Vs. 45-46)

C. The Servant's Instruction (Vs. 47-48)

The Anatomy Of A God Honoring Church Conflict (Acts 11:1-18)

Proposition: Every born again member of the church of the living God can not only see their church survive, but thrive through a church conflict by noting three instruction taken from our text.

I. Examine the Accusation (Vs. 1-3)

A. The Root of the Controversy (Vs. 1-3)

B. The Reality of the Conflict (Vs. 2)

II. Evaluate the Account (Vs. 4-16)

A. A Divine Education (Vs. 4-10)

B. A Dramatic Experience (Vs. 11-15)

C. A Declared Endorsement (Vs. 16)

III. Experiment the Acceptance (Vs. 17-18)

A. A Clear-Headed Appraisal (Vs. 17)

B. A God-Honoring Agreement (Vs. 18)

Three Characteristics Of A Prevailing Church (Acts 11:19-24)

Proposition: Every saved, born-again member of this church, who desires that this church be a prevailing church must endeavor to apply three scriptural principals drawn from this text to their own lives.

A Prevailing Church is a....

I. ...Gospel Expanding Church (Vs. 19-20)

- A. Expanding In The Face of Adversity (Vs. 19)
- B. Expanding to all Faces of Humanity (Vs. 20)

II. ...God Empowered Church (Vs. 21)

- A. The Sanction of the Lord (Vs. 21a)
- B. The Saving by the Lord (Vs. 21b)

III. ...Grace Exhibiting Church (Vs. 22-24)

- A. A Reported Fire (Vs. 22)
- B. A Revealed Favor (Vs. 23a-b)
- C. A Remaining Fundamental (Vs. 23c-d)
- D. A Representative Follower (Vs. 24)

Three Marks Of A Vibrant Church (Acts 11:25-20)

Proposition: It is imperative and important that every one of us as members of this church know exactly what makes a vibrant church so that we may become just such a church. In this text are three marks of a vibrant church:

I. A Careful Evaluation (Vs. 25-26a-e)

- A. Instructions in Revelation (Vs. 26a-e)
- B. Individuals of Resignation (Vs. 25)

II. A Charitable Consideration (Vs. 27-30)

- A. Purposeful Preparation (Vs. 27-29)
- B. Personal Distribution (Vs. 30)

III. A Clear Imitation (Vs. 26f)

- A. A Popular Designation
- B. A Perceptible Demonstration

The Primacy Of The Prayer Meeting (Acts 12:1-5)

Proposition: I believe in the text before us tonight, is the essential nature of the prayer meeting. Every child of God should make it a priority to attend upon the cooperate prayer meeting because of three key reasons drawn from the text before us tonight.

I. For the Onset of the Adversary (Vs. 1)

A. A Hated People (Vs. 1a)

B. A Helpless Prey (Vs. 1b)

II. For the Outcome of Difficulty (Vs. 2-4)

A. To Deal with Disappointment (Vs. 2)

B. To Intercede for Intervention (Vs. 3-4)

III. For the Operation of Sovereignty (Vs. 5, 11)

A. The Privilege of Prayer (Vs. 5)

B. The Power of Prayer (Vs. 5, 11)

A Light Shined In The Prison (Acts 12:5-11)

Proposition: Every child of God can find the light of God no matter how confining their prison is by laying hold of the three spiritual truths found in our text.

I. The Darkness Of The Situation

A. A Secure Detainment (Vs. 4-5)

B. A Certain Death (Vs. 2-3)

II. The Dependence Of The Servant

A. Confidence in the Declaration of God (Vs. 6)

B. Compliance to the Direction of God (Vs. 7-9)

III. The Deliverance That Was Surreal

A. A Prison that was Opened (Vs. 9-10)

B. A Praise that was Offered (Vs. 11)

The Wonder Of The Praying Church (Acts 12:11-19)

Proposition: Every church can see God do the wondrous before their very eyes realizing and appropriating the three truths about a praying church drawn from this text.

I. The Power that is Dispatched (Vs. 11)

- A. An Unbelievable Power (Vs. 11a)
- B. An Undeniable Power (Vs. 11b-d)
- C. An Undeterred Power (Vs. 11e-f)

II. The Principal that is Discovered (Vs. 12-16)

- A. The Gathering of Prayer (Vs. 12-13)
- B. The Glory of Prayer (Vs. 14)
- C. The Graciousness of Prayer (Vs. 15-16)

III. The Purpose that is Derived (Vs. 17-19)

- A. The Praise Attributed in Prayer (Vs. 17a-c)
- B. The Personal Activation of Prayer (Vs. 17d-h)
- C. The Planned Aim of Prayer (Vs. 18-19)

Checkmate! (Acts 12:19-25)

Proposition: Every one of us here can learn three valuable lessons on the contest between the kings of this life and the King of all Kings.

I. Jesus wins over those who Reign against Him

- A. The Ruin of Self-Exaltation (Vs. 3; 22)
- B. The Wrecking of Self-Glorification (Vs. 21-23)

II. Jesus wins over those who Rage against Him

- A. The Redeemers Immunity (Vs. 1-3; 18-20)
- B. The Usurper's Jeopardy (Vs. 7, 23)

III. Jesus wins over those who Rule against Him

- A. He Prevents His Foes Plan (Vs. 24)
- B. He Provides for His Following People (Vs. 25)

The Marks Of A Mission-Minded Church (Acts 13:1-5)

Proposition: Our church can be a mission-minded church just like that at Antioch, by reflecting three marks that are found here in our text.

A mission minded church...

I. Is Diverse in Leadership (Vs. 1)

Reminding us of...

- A. The Kindness of Jesus (Vs. 1b)
- B. The Crucifixion of Jesus (Vs. 1c)
- C. The Commission of Jesus (Vs. 1d)
- D. The Conversion by Jesus (Vs. 1e-f)
- E. The Consecration to Jesus (Vs. 1g)

II. Is Directed by the Lord (Vs. 2-3)

- A. Active in Service (Vs. 2a)
- B. Attentive to the Spirit (Vs. 2b-d; 3a)
- C. Ardent in Support (Vs. 3b)

III. Is Deliberate in Labor (Vs. 4-5)

- A. Deliberate in their Aim (Vs. 4)
- B. Deliberate in their Approach (Vs. 5)

Satanic Opposition To The Gospel (Acts 13:6-13)

Proposition: In this text, every saint of God that has a desire to live for Christ and do something for the glory of God in their life better remember three facts that are found in this text. Facts that could mean the difference between being a conqueror and being a causality.

I. There is an Infernal Foe against the Gospel

- A. The Character of this foe (Vs. 6a-d)
- B. The Credentials of this foe (Vs. 7a)
- C. The Cunning of this foe (Vs. 6a, 8a-b)

II. There is an Inevitable Fight to advance the Gospel

- A. A Prepared Sinner (Vs. 7)
- B. A Preventing Snare (Vs. 8c-d)
- C. A Power-filled Servant (Vs. 9; 11a-e)

III. There is an Identifiable Fallout after the Gospel

- A. A Slanderer is Blinded (Vs. 11f-g)
- B. A Sinner is Believing (Vs. 12)
- C. A Soldier is Beaten (Vs. 13)

A Powerful Preaching Premiere (Acts 13:6-13)

Proposition: Although we are separated from Paul's audience by thousands of years, and a vast difference in cultural environment, in this powerful gospel preaching premiere, there principles that every lost person must hear and heed and every saved person must affirm and apply in their endeavors to reach the lost with the saving gospel of Christ.

I. A Preparation of the Mind (Vs. 14-25)

- A. A Special Deduction (Vs. 14-15)
- B. A Sovereign Direction (Vs. 16-22)
- C. A Single Distinction (Vs. 23-25)

II. A Declaration of the Messiah (Vs. 29-37)

- A. The Rejection of the Son (Vs. 27-29)
- B. The Resurrection of the Saviour (Vs. 30-31)
- C. The Realization of the Scriptures (Vs. 29a; 32-37)

III. An Application of the Message (Vs. 38-43)

- A. Forgiveness is Available (Vs. 38-39)
- B. Forewarning is Announced (Vs. 40-41)
- C. Faith is Affirmed (Vs. 42-43)

The Three R's Of Gospel Preaching (Acts 13:42-52)

Proposition: When it comes to the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, every person in this room will have one of the three as their reaction to the gospel message. I want us to look at these three reactions and allow the Holy Spirit of God to determine our standing when it comes to our reaction to the gospel message.

I. A Stubborn Resistance to the Gospel (Vs. 45; 50)

- A. A Personal Opposition (Vs. 45a-b)
- B. A Pronounced Opposition (Vs. 45c-d)
- C. A Popular Opposition (Vs. 50)

II. A Saving Return on the Gospel (Vs. 43-44; 48-49; 52)

- A. The Receiving of the Grace of God (Vs. 43; 48d)
- B. The Relaying of the Grace of God (Vs. 44)
- C. The Rejoicing in the Grace of God (Vs. 48a-b; 52a)
- D. The Record of the Grace of God (Vs. 48c; 52b)

III. A Steadfast Resilience in the Gospel (Vs. 46-47; 51)

- A. A Sovereign Obedience (Vs. 46)
- B. A Scriptural Observance (Vs. 47)
- C. A Supplied Opportunity (Vs. 51)

Don't Quit (Acts 14:1-22)

Proposition: You may not be a missionary or an evangelist or a pastor, but nevertheless we all will encounter difficulty and adversity walking in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. A close look at these two believers may give us insight into staying course to the glory of God. There are three valuable statements that we can draw from this chapter, that will help us not to quit.

I. Don't quit when your Progress is Blocked (Vs. 1-6)

A. Spiritual Development (Vs. 1,3)

B. Satanic Division (Vs. 2, 4-6)

II. Don't quit when your Plan has Backfired (Vs. 6-18)

A. Purposeful Ministry (Vs. 6-17)

B. Popular Misunderstanding (Vs. 18)

III. Don't quit when your Persecution is Brutal (Vs. 19-22)

A. A Persistent Adversary (Vs. 19a-b)

B. A Painful Attack (Vs. 19c-22)

The Life Of A Soldier For Christ (Acts 14:21-28)

Proposition: Every child of God in this room can be a good soldier for Jesus Christ by exemplifying and living out six characteristics that Paul and Barnabas display these verses.

The Life of a Soldier for Christ is one of...

I. Courageous Soldiering (Vs. 21)

II. Cultivating Service (Vs. 22a-b)

III. Continual Striving (Vs. 22c)

IV. Commissioning Structure (Vs. 23)

V. Conspicuous Striding (Vs. 24-25)

VI. Consistent Summary (Vs. 26-28)

An Assassination Attempt (Acts 15:1-11)

Proposition: Here in our text, we can learn how this assassin works by following three traits of his devilish attack.

I. The Assassin's Target (Vs. 1a, 3-4)

- A. Evangelistic Fruit
- B. Emboldened Followers

II. The Assassin's Tactic

- A. The Teaching that was Shared (Vs. 1, 5)
- B. The Turmoil that was Seen (Vs. 2a, 6-7a)
- C. The Truth that was at Stake (Vs. 2b-d)

III. The Assassin's Trouble (Vs. 7b-11)

- A. Our God's Revelation (Vs. 7b-9)
- B. Our Gospel Resolution (Vs. 10-11)

Liberty And Sensitivity (Acts 15:12-21)

Proposition: Every child of God can maintain a walk with the Lord that honors the liberty we have in Jesus Christ and that also extends sensitivity to our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

I. Remember their Central Disagreement (Vs. 1-2)

- A. The Rebuke to the Gentiles (Vs. 1)
- B. The Rebuttal to the Jews (Vs. 2)

II. Review their Spiritual Discernment (Vs. 7-18)

- A. The Advisement of the Apostolic Testimony (Vs. 13-14)
- B. The Adherence to the Authoritative Testament (Vs. 15-18)

III. Rehearse their Sensitive Decision (Vs. 19-21)

- A. The Liberality Extended (Vs. 19)
- B. The Sensitivity Expressed (Vs. 20-21)

Implementing Conflict Resolution (Acts 15:22-36)

Proposition: Here in the verses before us are three Holy Spirit inspired instructions for taking every one of us to the next steps past conflict.

I. Imitate the Agreement over the Conflict (Vs. 22-23a)

A. The Inclusiveness of the Agreement (Vs. 22a-b)

B. The Integrity of the Agreement (Vs. 22c-23a)

II. Instruct in the Authority of the Correspondence (Vs. 23b-29)

A. What the Holy Saints Included (Vs. 23b-29)

B. What the Holy Spirit Inspired (Vs. 28)

III. Insist on the Activity of the Commission (Vs. 30-35)

A. The Consolation of the Members (Vs. 30-31)

B. The Confirmation by the Ministers (Vs. 32-34)

C. The Continuation of the Mission (Vs. 35)

When Brethren Battle (Acts 15:36-41)

Proposition: A dispute, a disruption, a distention like we see between Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15, is not outside the reach of possibility for every child of God in this room. As we look from a distance I want you to notice three glaring characteristics of when brethren battle!

I. It Emerges from a Course of Service (Vs. 36)

- A. Their Perceptive Decision (Vs. 36a)
- B. Their Previous Diligence (Vs. 36b)
- C. Their Passionate Desire (Vs. 36c)

II. It Encounters a Clash over Specifics (Vs. 37-39a)

- A. The Point of Contention (Vs. 37)
- B. The Pinnacle of Conflict (Vs. 38-39a)

III. It Ends with a Conclusion to Separate (Vs. 39b-41)

- A. The Pain of Severed Relationships (Vs. 39b)
- B. The Power of Sovereign Rule (Vs. 39c-41)

How To Win Souls And Influence Sinners (Acts 16:1-13)

Proposition: If you will listen to what the word of God tells us tonight, and listen to the three necessities for winning souls and influencing sinners, I believe that you can have the thrill, the joy and the privilege of leading someone to Jesus Christ.

I. We need a Self Denying Reaction (Vs. 1-5)

A. To Go Wherever (Vs. 1-3a)

B. To Give Whatever (Vs. 3b-5)

II. We need a Holy Spirit Direction (Vs. 6-10)

A. Advancing in the Service of God (Vs. 6-8)

B. Attentive to the Spirit of God (Vs. 9-10)

III. We need a Lost Soul Affection (Vs. 11-13)

A. A love that Searches (Vs. 11-13c)

B. A love that Speaks (Vs. 13d)

Picture Of God Opening The Heart Of A Sinner, A (Acts 16:11-15)

Proposition: Tonight I want to trace the hand of the Great Heart surgeon, and see a picture of God opening the heart of a sinner to receive Christ as her Saviour.

I. The Course God Instructs (Vs. 11-14)

- A. A Directed Servant (Vs. 11-13)
- B. A Designated Sinner (Vs. 14a-d)

II. The Conversion God Initiates (Vs. 14e-f)

- A. A Heart Sovereignly Opened
- B. A Heart Simply Opened

III. The Character God Instills (Vs. 15)

- A. Public Profession (Vs. 15a-b)
- B. Personal Dedication (Vs. 15c-h)

He Set Me Free (Acts 16:16-25)

Proposition: Every person here today, can be set free from the Bondage of sin and death by laying hold and following three instructions drawn from our text.

I. Realize the Captivity of Sin (Vs. 16-17)

- A. Caged by Society (Vs. 16c)
- B. Chained by Satan (Vs. 16a-b)
- C. Confined by Self (Vs. 17)

II. Relent to the Confrontation of Salvation (Vs. 18-19a)

- A. A Human Provocation (Vs. 18a-d)
- B. A Holy Declaration (Vs. 18e)
- C. A Healing Conformation (Vs. 18f-19a)

III. Ready for the Collision of Systems (Vs. 19b-25)

- A. They were Slandered (Vs. 19b-21)
- B. They were Sentenced (Vs. 22-24)
- C. They were Singing (Vs. 25)

The Day The Jailer Met Jesus (Acts 16:22-34)

Proposition: It just goes to prove that everyone needs to be saved. From the Judge to the Jailer, for the police officer to the prison inmate all of us must be born of God. I want us to draw out three important gospel truths from out text.

I. A Serious Request (Vs.25-30)

- A. Serious about what he had Witnessed (Vs. 25-26)
- B. Serious about what he Wanted (Vs. 30)

II. A Straight Reply (Vs. 31-32)

- A. A Simple Plan (Vs. 31a)
- B. A Sufficient Person (Vs. 31b)
- C. A Solid Promise (Vs. 31c)

III. A Saving Response (Vs. 32-34)

- A. An Active Response (Vs. 33a-b)
- B. An Attested Response (Vs. 33c-d)
- C. A Affecting Response (Vs. 34)

Sweet Fragrance From Bitter Soil (Acts 16:35-40)

Proposition: I believe that every one of us today can see God take the most bitter of times, and out from them bring the sweetest of fragrance by taking note of three truths found in these verses.

I. From the bitter soil of Accusation grows the sweet fragrance of Vindication (Vs. 35-37)

A. A Hushed Release (Vs. 35-36)

B. A Holy Refusal (Vs. 37)

II. From the bitter soil of Persecution grows the sweet fragrance of Imitation (Vs. 38-40a)

A. An Exercise of Godliness (Vs. 38-39)

B. An Example of Grace (Vs. 40a)

III. From the bitter soil of Intimidation grows the sweet fragrance of Consolation (Vs. 40)

A. The Comfort of the Assembly (Vs. 40a-d)

B. The Continuance of their Assignment (Vs. 40e)

The DNA Of A Healthy Church (Acts 17:1-9)

Proposition: Every one of us here tonight can gain a richer understanding of our own church and it's health from seeing five elements of the DNA of the church of Thessalonica.

I. The City of God's Planning (Vs. 1)

II. The Servants of God's Placement (Vs. 2a-b)

III. The Sounding of God's Proclamation (Vs. 2c-3)

IV. The Saving for God's Purpose (Vs. 4-9)

V. The Service of God's People

The Word At Work (Acts 17:10-15)

Proposition: It seems as though in our text that the power of the word of God takes center stage. In this text, we see the word at work. There are three characteristics that we see about the power of the word of God in this text.

I. The Bible is a book of Disclosure (Vs. 11)

- A. A Book of Reasonable Truth (Vs. 11a-b)
- B. A Book of Reliable Truth (Vs. 11c-d)

II. The Bible is a book of Deliverance (Vs. 12)

- A. A Book that Changes Lives (Vs. 12a)
- B. A Book that Crosses Lines (Vs. 12b-c)

III. The Bible is a book of Division (Vs. 13-15)

- A. A Book that Insights Struggle (Vs. 13)
- B. A Book that Instills Surrender (Vs. 14-15)

Preaching To A City Steeped In Sin (Acts 17:16-34)

Proposition: Every child of God here today, can impact their sphere of influence for the kingdom of God by following the three examples that Paul gives us in Acts 17.

I. The Stirring we must Bare (Vs. 16-21)

A. A Disturbing Scene (Vs. 16)

B. A Determined Servant (Vs. 17-21)

II. The Certainty we must Share (Vs. 22-29)

A. God's Invention (Vs. 24-26; 28-29)

B. God's Intention (Vs. 27)

III. The Sentence we must Dare (Vs. 29-34)

A. A Commanding Day (Vs. 30)

B. A Concluding Day (Vs. 31)

C. A Cleaving Day (Vs. 32-34)

Three Things God Can Do When We Want To Quit (Acts 18:1-17)

Proposition: For every one of us here today that has thought of giving up and quitting, this test shows us three things that God can do for us.

I. When you are Friendless, He sends Companions (Vs. 1-5)

- A. New Relationships (Vs. 1-3)
- B. Necessary Reinforcements (Vs. 4-5)

II. When you are Frustrated, He sends Clarity (Vs. 6-8)

- A. The Weariness of Barriers (Vs. 6)
- B. The Wonder of Breakthroughs (Vs. 7-8)

III. When you are Fearful, He sends Confirmation (Vs. 9-17)

- A. The Comfort of His Promise (Vs. 9-10)
- B. The Confidence of His Proof (Vs. 11-17)

Following The Seven Footprints Of A Tireless Servant (Acts 18:18-23)

Proposition: In this little section of scripture I want to follow the footprints of Paul and make application to our own lives.

- 1. Persevering Ministry (Vs. 18a)**
- 2. Personal Growth (Vs. 18e)**
- 3. Planned Investment (Vs. 18b-d; 19a)**
- 4. Purposeful Evangelism (Vs. 19b-c)**
- 5. Prioritized Intention (Vs. 21)**
- 6. Predicted Completion (Vs. 22)**
- 7. Pressing Endurance (Vs. 23)**

Apollos - A Sketch Of The Making Of A Man Of God (Acts 18:24-38)

Proposition: Every one of us can gain great insight in the making of a man of God by looking at three aspects of the life and early ministry of Apollos.

I. A Servant's Development (Vs. 24)

- A. A Mind Given to Study (Vs. 24d-e)
- B. A Mouth Gifted for Sharing (Vs. 24a-c)

II. A Student's Direction (Vs. 25-26)

- A. He was Lacking (Vs. 25)
- B. He was Learning (Vs. 26)

III. A Soldier's Deployment (Vs. 27-28)

- A. The Call was Received (Vs. 27)
- B. The Christ was Revealed (Vs. 28)

Have Ye Received The Holy Ghost? (Acts 19:1-10)

Proposition: “Have you received the Holy Spirit?” Do you know the Lord as your Saviour? In order to answer this question, I want us to notice three descriptions of the verses before us tonight.

I. A Spiritual Complication (Vs. 1-2)

- A. The Starting works of the Holy Spirit
- B. The Subsequent works of the Holy Spirit

II. A Supernatural Transformation (Vs. 3-7)

- A. A Ceremonial Evidence (Vs. 3-5)
- B. A Transitional Evidence (Vs. 6a-c)
- C. A Testimonial Evidence (Vs. 6d-7)

III. A Special Proclamation (Vs. 8-10)

- A. Rejected by the Jews (Vs. 8-9)
- B. Relayed by the Gentiles (Vs. 10)

Revelations From Handkerchiefs, Exorcisms, and Book Burnings (Acts 19:11-22)

Proposition: Even though, these scenes seem strange, they have certain revelations, certain truths, certain spiritual lessons to teach us. So what could handkerchiefs, exorcisms, and book burnings have to teach us? I want to offer three Kingdom truths that are revealed in these strange accounts.

I. Kingdom Power Unleashed (Vs. 11-12)

A. Saints Perspiration (Vs. 11-12a)

B. Sovereign Proof (Vs. 12b-c)

II. Kingdom Pretenders Exposed (Vs. 13-16)

A. Disguised Deceivers (Vs. 13-14)

B. Demonic Detection (Vs. 15-16)

III. Kingdom Purposes Displayed (Vs. 17-22)

A. Individual Repentance (Vs. 17-20)

B. Evangelistic Reach (Vs. 21-22)

Kicking Dents In The Dominion Of Darkness (Acts 19:23-41)

Proposition: Every child of God in this room can triumph while kicking dents in the dominion of darkness by understanding three facts drawn from this passage of scripture.

I. The Assault on Sin's Dominion (Vs. 23)

A. Prevailing Service (Vs. 9-12)

B. Personal Surrender (Vs. 17-20)

II. The Anger of Satanic Defiance (Vs. 24-34)

A. The Stink that was Stirred Up (Vs. 24-28)

B. The Servants that were Swept In (Vs. 29-31)

B. The Sentiment that was Shouted Out (Vs. 32-34)

III. The Assistance of Sovereign Defusing (Vs. 35-41)

A. A Mysterious Turn (Vs. 35-40)

B. A Masterful Triumph (Vs. 41)

Lessons From A First Century Watch Night Service (Acts 20:1-12)

Proposition: There are three very important lessons that every saved, born again child of God can learn from this first century watch-night service, that will that will save us a heap of damage in our walk with the Lord.

I. An Insight into a Healthy Assembly (Vs. 1-7)

A. Their Appointed Gathering (Vs. 1-7a)

B. Their Appropriate Goal (Vs. 7b-e)

II. An Example of a Harmful Apathy (Vs. 8-9)

A. His Drowsy Posture (Vs. 8-9d)

B. His Dangerous Position (Vs. 9e-f)

III. An Instruction for a Hopeful Awakening (Vs. 10-12)

A. A Reviving Reach (Vs. 10-11)

B. A Restoring Reunion (Vs. 12)

I Kept Back Nothing (Acts 20:13-38)

Proposition: What do we do to be able to say by the end of our lives, “I kept back nothing.” Here in this text the Apostle Paul lays out 4 principle areas in which we should hold back nothing. I'll keep back nothing....

I. When It Comes to the Serving of the Saviour

- A. The Aim of Service (Vs. 19a)
- B. The Attitude of Service (Vs. 19a-b, 33)
- C. The Adversaries of Service (Vs. 19c)
- D. The Assignment of Service (Vs. 35b)

II. When It Comes to the Schooling of the Scriptures

- A. The Benefit of the Scriptures (Vs. 20a)
- B. The Broadcast of the Scriptures (Vs. 20b-d)
- C. The Breadth of the Scriptures (Vs. 27)
- D. The Beware of the Scriptures (Vs.28-30)
- E. The Behavior of the Scriptures (Vs. 35a)

III. When It Comes to the Seeking of the Sinner

- A. The Target of His Seeking (Vs. 21a)
- B. The Truth of His Seeking (Vs. 21b)
- C. The Tirelessness of His Seeking (Vs. 26, 31)
- D. The Triumph of His Seeking (Vs. 32)

IV. When It Comes to the Sacrificing of the Self

A. The Sacrifice of Protections (Vs. 21-23)

B. The Sacrifice of Pleasures (Vs. 24a-b)

C. The Sacrifice of Prides (Vs. 31)

D. The Sacrifice of Possessions (Vs. 33)

E. The Sacrifice for Pleasing (Vs. 24c-f)

Are You Ready (Acts 21:1-16)

Proposition: Every child of God in this room and prepare themselves to do the will of God for their lives, no matter where that road may taken them by following the three keys to that understanding given to us in this text.

I. Understand the Serious Massage (Vs. 1-12)

- A. The Recognition of God's Will (Ch 20:23; Vs. 1-3; 5-9;)
- B. The Reality of God's Will (Vs. 4; 10-12)

II. Undertake the Sacrificial Mission (Vs. 13)

- A. Our Persistence in Doing God's Will (Vs. 13a-c; 15)
- B. Our Price in Doing God's Will (Vs. 13d; 16)

III. Underline the Single Motive (Vs. 13d-15)

- A. The Exaltation of Christ (Vs. 13d)
- B. The Expanse of the Kingdom (Vs. 14)

How Low Can You Go? (Acts 21:16-26)

Proposition: I want to draw from you an answer to the question, “How low can you go?” by asking you three questions concerning what we see in Paul's experience returning to Jerusalem. First of all I want to ask you...

I. Will you give a Humble Account? (Vs. 15-20a)

- A. A Convincing Declaration (Vs. 15-20a)
- B. A Charitable Donation

II. Will you bare a Haunting Accusation? (Vs. 20b-22)

- A. The Charge Rendered (Vs. 20b-21)
- B. The Clarification Required (Vs. 22)

III. Will you allow a Humiliating Accommodation? (Vs. 23-26)

- A. The Prescription Proposed (Vs. 23-25)
- B. The Personal Price (Vs. 26)

Lessons From When Best Intentions Meet Bitter Resistance (Acts 21:27-40)

Proposition: Each and every child of God in this room tonight, who lives among and labors with other people (if you are here tonight from a deserted island, you are excused from this message) can learn lessons concerning misunderstanding and criticism, by following three instructions drawn from this passage of scripture.

I. Refuse a False Accusation (Vs. 27-30)

- A. A Maligning Deduction (Vs. 27-29)
- B. A Misused Door (Vs. 30)

II. Rely on a Fatherly Protection (Vs. 31-36)

- A. God's Observance (Vs. 31)
- B. God's Servants (Vs. 32-36)

III. Reveal a Faithful Reaction (Vs. 37-40)

- A. Be a Soft Speaker (Vs. 37-38)
- B. Be a Truth Teller (Vs. 39)
- C. Be a Bridge Builder (Vs. 40)

The Power Of A Personal Testimony (Acts 22:1-21)

Proposition: Here in our text, I believe that every child of God can trace the testimony of the Apostle Paul and draw out characteristics that should be apart of every Christian's salvation testimony.

Every salvation testimony should have...

I. A Word of Relation (Vs. 1-5)

- A. An Engaging Introduction (Vs. 1-3e)
- B. An Effective Identification (Vs. 3f-5)

II. A Work of Regeneration (Vs. 6-16)

- A. Personal Dealings with God (Vs. 6-11)
- B. Public Demonstration of God (Vs. 12-16)

III. A Walk of Revolution (Vs. 17-21)

- A. A Definite Affirmation (Vs. 17-18)
- B. A Directed Assignment (Vs. 19-21)

How To Navigate Many Dangers, Toils, And Snares (Acts 22:22-30; Acts 23:1-10)

Proposition: Every child of God, can to navigate the many dangers toils and snares of the Christian life by applying four key lessons drawn from the verses in our text.

- I. Keep a Clear Head (Ch. 22:22-29)**
- II. Keep a Clean Heart (Ch. 22:30-23:1)**
- III. Keep a Quick Humility (Ch. 23:2-5)**
- IV. Keep a Careful Heading (Ch. 23:6-10)**

Even Superman Gets The Blues (Acts 23:11-24)

Proposition: Every one of us today, can shake off our times of deep discouragement by realizing three facts that the Lord Jesus presents in this verse.

I. Jesus will Attend our Pain (Vs. 11a)

- A. He Sympathizes
- B. He Stands
- C. He Sustains

II. Jesus will Assure our Path (Vs. 11b-e)

- A. Words of Inspiration (Vs. 11b-c)
- B. Words of Commendation (Vs. 11d)
- C. Words of Destination (Vs. 11e)

III. Jesus will Appoint our Protection (Vs. 12-23)

- A. Sinister Devices (Vs. 12-15)
- B. Sovereign Discovery (Vs. 16-22)
- C. Safe Deliverance (Vs. 23-24)

Courtroom Of A Convenient Season, The (Acts 23:25 – 24:27; Emphasis Acts 24:24-27)

Proposition: As you sit in this room today, are you repeating the words of Felix, and turning the courtroom of a miraculously complete salvation into a courtroom of a more convenient season? In order to answer this question, you must understand three lessons drawn from these verses.

I. Look at a Scene of Contrasts (Vs. 24)

- A. Who is the King and who is the Captive
- B. Who is the Governor and who is the Guilty

II. Listen to the Statement of Charge (Vs. 25a-c)

- A. Righteousness: They did not Possess it (Vs. 25a)
- B. Temperance: They did not Practice it (Vs. 25b)
- C. Judgment: They were not Prepared for it (Vs. 25c)

III. Learn from a Soul under Conviction (Vs. 25d-27)

- A. A Temporary Escape (Vs. 25d-e)
- B. A Troubling Excuse (Vs. 25f-27)
- C. A Tormenting Eternity

Perspectives From A Prison Cell (Acts 25:1-12)

Proposition: Every child of God in this room, can prepare for the wild winds from the wilderness that attempt to destroy our lives, by looking closely to three perspectives from Paul's prison cell.

I. A Paralyzing Confinement (Ch. 24:27)

A. Derailed Plans

B. Disguised Purposes

II. A Persistent Conflict (Vs. 1-8)

A. Unrelenting Venom (Vs. 1-7)

B. Unceasing Vigilance (Vs. 8)

III. A Prevailing Control (Vs. 9-12)

A. God Dominates over the Circumstance of Life (Vs. 4-5,9, 12)

B. God Directs over the Course of Life (Vs. 10-12)

Tragedy Of An Almost Christian, The (Acts 25:13 – 26:32)

Proposition: Every person in this room tonight can avoid becoming the greatest of all tragedies, an almost Christian, by understanding three truths that make up such a tragedy.

I. The Renown of Self

A. A High Position

B. A Haughty Pride

II. The Rebellion of Sin

A. The Light Ignored

B. The Lust Indulged

III. The Refusal of Salvation

A. Given The Most Gracious Opportunity

B. Taken The Most Grievous Option

How To Survive A Tempestuous Wind (Acts 27:1-44)

Proposition: Every child of God can draw from this chapter three instructions that will allow us to survive the tempestuous winds of life.

I. Realize the Certainty of the Storm

- A. The Reason's Storms Come
- B. The Results Storms Cause

II. Refuse the Stupidity of the Sailor

- A. The Fault of Forbearing
- B. The Failure in fearing
- C. The Foolishness of Fleeing
- D. The Folly of Fasting

III. Rely on the Security of the Sovereign

- A. A Pronouncement
- B. A Promise
- C. A Provision
- D. A Plank

Shipwrecked In The Will Of God (Acts 28:1-16)

Proposition: Every one of us today can be helped to see the hand of God in the shipwrecks of life by seeing God's activity in this shipwreck on the island of Melita.

I. Stranded by the Placement of God (Ch. 27:26, 43-44; Vs. 1-2)

II. Snake-bitten by the Permission of God (Vs. 3c, 5)

III. Slandered in the Presence of God (Vs. 4, 6)

IV. Serving by the Power of God (Vs. 3a-b; 7-10)

V. Set-ashore in the Providence of God (Vs. 11-16)

Playing With The Hand That You Are Dealt (Acts 28:16-31)

Proposition: Here in the remaining verses of this last chapter of the book of Acts are some special instructions that will allow you to triumph in the Christian life while playing with the hand you are dealt.

I. Be Fruitful in your Planting (Vs. 16)

- A. Despite your Personal Dreams
- B. Discover God's Providential Design

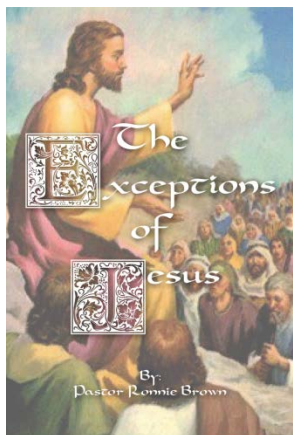
II. Be Focused in your Purpose (Vs. 17-29)

- A. The Truth of Kingdom Expansion (Vs. 17-23)
- B. The Tragedy of Kingdom Exclusion (Vs. 24-29)

III. Be Faithful to your Part (Vs. 30-31)

- A. The Inspired Revelation
- B. The Individual Role

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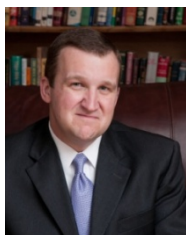


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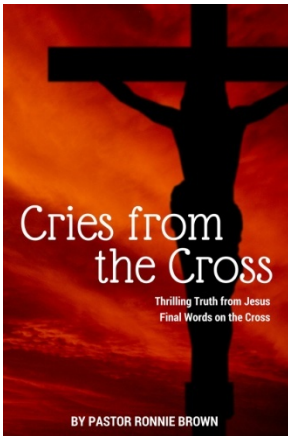


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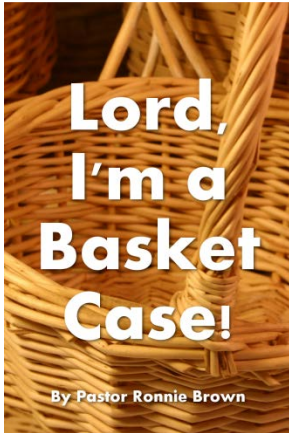


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