

Acts, Part 20

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Introduction Summary

In this exciting study, we see that God anointed Paul to start works in various places. Although Paul started them, he had to raise up men and women to continue those works. In so doing, we find that the essence of his preaching was repentance, faith, grace and the Kingdom of God.

- I. **Acts 19:11:** The word *miracle* (Gk. *dunamis*) means *power of God*. They put cloths on Paul's body. Then, they took those same cloths and put them on their sick loved ones. They were healed and demon spirits went out of them.
 - A. Paul was anointed.
 - B. The anointing is transferrable.
 - C. The anointing has to be activated (Mark 5:25-34).
 1. Sometimes the anointing can be felt.
 2. The Lord told me to transfer the anointing to pastor that is on me to Evang. Stramler. As a result, she pastored successfully for five years. She's back in her evangelistic call. But the anointing to pastor will always be there.
 3. As a 2 year old child, A. A. Allen laid hands on my wife, Pastor Deborah, and she was supernaturally healed. That same anointing that healed her is still working now in her, as long as she keeps it activated.
- II. **Acts 19:29-41:** This was a mob, and a mob has no brain.
 - A. For two hours they cried out "Great is Diana."
 - B. In verse 38, the craftsmen are the ones losing money.
 - C. The mob was inspired by two guys who loved money (1 Tim. 6:10).
 1. They were confused and grabbed the wrong people.
 2. The town clerk spoke wisdom.
- III. **Acts 20:1- 3:** Paul was there for three months.
 - A. **Acts 20:4:** These men came from the places along Paul's journey.
 - B. An apostle is an architect, but doesn't build a building alone.
 - C. The apostle starts a work, gathers a team, and then hands it off.
 - D. Take heed how you build on a foundation.
 - E. There is a working together.
 - F. **Acts 20:5-7:** Paul preached until midnight.
 1. **Acts 20:8-9:** A man fell asleep, fell out the window and died.
 2. **Acts 20:10-11:** Paul spoke life to him. Note what happened.

- a. Read it as though it is real, because it is. You can research it.
 - b. Put yourself there. What would the people be doing or saying when a man falls dead in their midst, while the preacher is preaching?
 - G. **Acts 20:11:** Paul eats and talks with others until daylight. Then he left.
 - H. **Acts 20:12:** We see that the young man was alive. They were very comforted.
- IV. **Acts 20:13-18:** An elder (Gk. *presbuteros*) is a senior member of the celestial counsel. The reference “all seasons” means he’s been there a long time.
- V. **Acts 20:19:** For three years, everywhere Paul went he was pursued by people who wanted to assassinate him. He had to be led of the Spirit to stay alive.
- VI. **Acts 20:20:** Paul did a lot of teaching. An apostle is a teacher, because he has to train people to continue the work he started.
- VII. **Acts 20:21-25:** Paul had a four-point message throughout his ministry.
- A. **Repentance:** He preached repentance toward God.
 - B. **Faith:** He preached faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ: Supreme in Authority and His Anointing (Acts 10:38).
 - 1. Jesus taught, preached and healed.
 - 2. When you see the word “spirit,” you know whether it’s referring to the human spirit or the Holy Spirit in this way:
 - a. The lower case “s” usually refers to the human spirit.
 - b. Normally, if it has “Holy” in front of it or it’s a capital “S,” it refers to the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. Referring to whether Paul should go or not go, we compare Acts 20:22 with Acts 21:4-11.
 - a. Look closely what Agabus, the prophet, said.
 - b. God always warns. God gave Paul a choice.
 - c. I knew I was called to ministry, but I needed to know what to do, specifically, so I took time to pray to get specific direction.
 - a. You have to go deeper. Sit down and get sensitive in the Spirit so that you can hear that still, small voice.
 - b. Acts 20:22-23: Paul had an opportunity, a choice and a warning.
 - C. **Grace:** In **Acts 20:24** we see that Paul preached the gospel of the grace of God (2 Cor. 12:9-10; 1 Tim. 6:12- Luke 24:3).
 - D. **The Kingdom of God:** In **Acts 20:25**, we see that Paul preached the kingdom of God.
- VIII. **Acts 20:26-27:** In essence, Paul preached “all the counsel of God.” These four areas, in their fullness, contain the completion of the New Testament.

Closing Summary

I encourage you to study those four areas: repentance, faith, the kingdom of God and the grace of God, for or they are the bedrock of Christian theology.