

PAUL'S FINAL JOURNEY BEGINS

ACTS 20

In the final third of the Book of Acts, Dr. Luke records Paul's journey to Jerusalem, his arrest there, and his voyage to Rome.

I. IN THIS FAREWELL JOURNEY, PAUL HAD TWO GOALS IN MIND:

- A.** His main purpose was to encourage and strengthen the saints so that they might stand true to the Lord.
- B.** His second purpose was the collection for the needy believers in Jerusalem. **ROM. 15:25-27; 1 COR. 16:1-9**

II. A GOING-AWAY SERVICE ACTS 20:6-12

- Notice how everything in this story is the LORD'S.
 - The Lord's day
 - The Lord's people
 - The Lord's supper
 - The Lord's message
 - The Lord's power

***ALL THAT WE ARE AND DO IS BECAUSE OF
AND FOR THE LORD.***



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- ← Paul's route

III. NOW A FAREWELL MESSAGE ACTS 20:13-38

- There were three parts to Paul's farewell message.
 1. First he reviewed the *PAST*. **ACTS 20:18-21**
 2. Then he discussed the *PRESENT*. **ACTS 20:22-27**
 3. Finally, he spoke about the *FUTURE*.
ACTS 20:28-35

HE WAS TOO COMPELLED BY HIS CALLING AND HIS DEVOTION TO JESUS CHRIST TO LOOK FOR SOME SAFE AND EASY WAY OUT—HE WOULD NOT LET ANYTHING MOVE HIM.

WHAT MOVES YOU?

In his testimony, *Paul used six graphic pictures* of why he would not quit, but would go to Jerusalem to die for Jesus Christ, if necessary.

1. Paul saw himself as an **ACCOUNTANT. ACTS 20:24**
2. He also saw himself as a **RUNNER.**
3. Paul's third picture is that of the **STEWARD.**
4. The next picture is that of the **WITNESS.**
5. Picture number five is the **HERALD. ACTS 20:25**
6. The final is that of the **WATCHMAN. ACTS 20:26**

IV. A WARNING ABOUT THE FUTURE v. 28-38

IT IS A SERIOUS THING TO BE A SPIRITUAL LEADER IN THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD.

A. To begin with, there are **DANGERS AROUND US:** “wolves” to ravage the FLOCK. **ACTS 20:29**

B. There are also **DANGERS WITHIN US:** **CARELESSNESS—SHALLOWNESS—COVETOUSNESS—LAZINESS—SELFISHNESS. ACTS 20:31-35**

**DON'T LET ANYTHING MOVE YOU.
THERE IS A JOB TO BE DONE—SO, LET'S DO IT!**