

The Gospel and The Church

Acts 20:17-24

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Week 6



I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The church has been entrusted with the most important message the world has ever been given.
1. The Church is us.
 2. The message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- B. We, the church are the visible presence of Jesus in the world today. *(Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18-23)*
- C. We have been entrusted with the Gospel to be lived out faithfully for all to see. Just like the Apostle Paul. *(Acts 20:22-24)*

The Duty and Privilege of the Church is to Live out the Gospel as the Body of Christ

II. HOW ARE WE TO LIVE THIS OUT?

- A. We live out the Good News of Jesus Christ when we live faithfully to the message. *(Acts 20:17-21)*
1. When important messages are not understood or faithfully delivered, the result can be devastating.
 2. That's especially true of the Gospel.

3. The Apostle Paul stayed faithful to the message and so must we.

(Acts 20:18-21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

4. The Gospel is the power of God for Salvation to all who believe. *(Romans 1:14-16)*

5. That's why we are called to share it faithfully.

(Romans 10:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

- B. We Live Out the Good News of Jesus Christ When We Stay Faithful to the Mission. *(Acts 20:22-24)*

1. We don't give up because the journey is long or hard or costly.
2. Paul stayed faithful, passed the baton of the Gospel to others who have passed it to us.
3. Paul said he was:
 - a. Compelled – bound out of necessity – he had no choice. *(Acts 21:13-14; Philippians 1:20-21)*
 - b. That his life was worth nothing to him – not dear to him. The mission Jesus gave him was more important to him than his life.

(Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:11-15; Philippians 1:27-28; Matthew 28:18-20)

III. CONCLUSION

- A. "Are you ready to live out the Gospel?"
- B. Romans 16:25-27