

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 41

THE MILETUS ADDRESS

A Fervent Farewell We Must Never Forget

(Acts 20:13-38)

INTRODUCTION:

THE CONTEXT

"But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for so he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. ¹⁵ Sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost."

—Acts 20:13-16

1A. A _____ AND _____ INVITATION (20:17)

"From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church."

2A. A _____ AND _____ EXHORTATION (20:18-35)

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace..."

1B. Paul Held Nothing _____ ! (v. 20, 27)

"...how I did not shrink..."

1C. He gave them _____ . (v. 18, 31)

"...from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time..."

2C. He gave them _____ . (v. 19, 31, 37)

"...serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials..."

3C. He gave them _____ . (v. 20, 27-32)

"...I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house..." (v. 20)

"...I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God..." (v. 27)

2B. Paul Held Nothing _____! (v. 24)

"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself,..."

1C. Because someday he would _____ and _____.
"...so that I may finish my course..."

2C. Because _____ wasn't really _____.
"...and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus,..."

3B. Paul Held Nothing _____, except _____! (v. 21, 24b)

"...solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (v. 21) "...to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God." (v. 24b)

1C. "The gospel has been at the heart of my past _____." (v. 18-21)
"You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia,..."

2C. "The gospel will be at the heart of my future _____." (v. 22-24)
"And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem,..."

3C. "The gospel must be at the heart of your current _____." (v. 25-35)
"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood...." (v. 28)

The Gospel of Grace:

- **Repentance...** involves a _____ from sin and to God, a **reorientation** of the entire person—his heart, mind and will—as it relates to his understanding of God and His _____, himself and his _____, and his consequent _____ apart from God's mercy.
- **Faith...** involves a complete and unqualified _____ in Jesus and His _____ work, a _____ of His exclusive _____ as Lord and His sole _____ as Redeemer.

3A. A _____ AND _____ SEPARATION (20:36-38)

"When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, ³⁸ grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship."

CONCLUSION:

