

# **Loving the Saints**

July 17, 2022 Pastor Bill Sherrard

#### **Announcements**

**Welcome to Center Point Church!** We love you and are glad you joined us today.

If you have any questions about today's sermon or to learn more about Center Point Church, please reach out to Pastor Tyler at Tyler.Wittmer@cpcnky.com

#### Acts 20:1-12

<sup>1</sup> After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. <sup>3</sup> There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. 4 Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. 5 These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, <sup>6</sup> but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. <sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. <sup>9</sup> And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. <sup>10</sup> But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." <sup>11</sup> And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and

so departed. <sup>12</sup> And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

### **Notes**

- 1. God is love and God loved us first...without God's love we would not know what love is. 1 John 4:8 and 1 John 4
- Jesus tells the apostles that He loved them. John 13:34-35...Love one another just as I have loved you.
- 3. Telling someone you love them is great...demonstrating that love is even better! Demonstrating love trumps words.
  Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-8, 1 John 3:1
  - A. Paul demonstrates love for the saints through affection
     Vs. 1 Paul encouraged (The Greek word used best translates embraced)
- B. Paul loves the Saints by encouraging them with the Word
   Vs. 2 Paul encouraged/exhorted (The Greek word Logos translates Word)
   John 1:1, 1 Timothy 1:15-16
- C. Paul demonstrates his love of the Saints by giving.An offering for the poor Saints in Jerusalem was being taken Acts 11:27-30
- D. Paul shows a love for the Church through an act of unity of the believers.Jesus prays for unity...John 17:23, Paul pleads for unity...
- E. Paul demonstrates love to these Saints by his availabilityVs. 7 Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

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