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To Live is Christ

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Closeness in Christ

Acts 20:36-38

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Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey



The Main City: Ephesus

Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19



➤ Baptizing for God's reason.

Acts 19:2-5

² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

Acts 19:2-5

³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

Acts 19:2-5

⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

Acts 19:2-5

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19



➤ All of Asia hears the gospel.

Acts 19:8-10

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:8-10

⁹ But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:8-10

¹⁰ This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19



➤ An amazing revival.

Acts 19:17-20

¹⁷ This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

Acts 19:17-20

¹⁸ Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

Acts 19:17-20

¹⁹ And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and *began* burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts 19:17-20

²⁰ So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

Paul in Ephesus – Acts 19



➤ The riot, and keeping Paul away from it.

Acts 19:26-31

²⁶ You see and hear that not only in Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people, saying that gods made with hands are no gods *at all*.

Acts 19:26-31

²⁷ Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of Asia and the world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence.”

Acts 19:26-31

²⁸ When they heard *this* and were filled with rage, they *began* crying out, saying, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

Acts 19:26-31

²⁹ The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia.

Acts 19:26-31

³⁰ And when Paul wanted to go into the assembly, the disciples would not let him.

³¹ Also some of the Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to venture into the theater.

Meeting with the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20



➤ Paul looking back at his ministry there.

Acts 20:17-21

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them,

“You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

Acts 20:17-21

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

Acts 20:17-21

²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:26-27

²⁶ Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

Acts 20:31

³¹ Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

Meeting with the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20



- The prophecies about Paul's future.

Acts 20:22-24

²² And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

Acts 20:22-24

²⁴ But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

Meeting with the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20



➤ Paul's charge to the elders.

Acts 20:28-30

²⁸ 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.

Acts 20:28-30

²⁹ I know that after my departure
savage wolves will come in among
you, not sparing the flock;

Acts 20:28-30

³⁰ and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Acts 20:32

³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Some Lessons to Notice



1) The reason for baptism is important to God.

Romans 6:3-4

³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Romans 6:3-4

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Some Lessons to Notice



2) Don't forget the power of confession.

Acts 19:18-19

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Proverbs 28:13

¹³ He who conceals his transgressions
will not prosper,
But he who confesses and forsakes
them will find compassion.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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3) Notice the closeness that comes from serving together in Christ.

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