

Take Heed to Yourselves and the Flock

Sermon 2 – 2/18/18

Acts 20:17-31

In our church, we are considering 1 man for the eldership – Mike Gabriel
And 3 men for the Deaconate – Hector Acayturri, Evan Schellenger and Jim Zwick.

I. Paul's Faithful Testimony – Acts 20:17-21

- A. They knew him by first-hand experience.
- B. He exhibited Humility
- C. Tears – because of his love and the daily care of the churches
- D. Trials – willing to endure all things – even death – for the gospel.
- E. Holding back nothing profitable to them – refusing to compromise
- F. Giving himself whole-heartedly to teaching
- F. His Message v. 21

II. Paul's Resolute Determination 20:22-27

- A. Bound in the Spirit 22-23
- B. Resolute Fearlessness 24
- C. Sad and Solemn Words 25-27

III. Take Heed 20:28-31

- A. Take Heed -- To Yourselves 28a

The first responsibility – of a minister – is to watch for his own soul.

B. Take Heed -- To the Flock of God you Oversee 28b

1. Shepherd the flock – tend – care for – lead and guide
2. The Holy Spirit calls men into the eldership – churches do not “make men elders” but they are to recognize men that God has called to be overseers.
3. Church of God
4. Redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ.

C. Take Heed -- Because Wolves will attack 29-31

IV. Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd -- John 10

A. The Shepherd -- John 10:1-6

B. The Door v. 8-10

C. The Good Shepherd and the Hireling v. 11-15

Conclusion:

3 Characteristics of Christ's Sheep

1. They listen to the voice of their savior – they hear it and love it.
2. They follow their savior – wherever he goes – and we know where He goes by the unchanging and unchangeable Word of God.
3. They are eternally protected and preserved by their savior – who is such a Good Shepherd He has never lost a single sheep – and never will!

There are at least 3 promises we have from our Great Shepherd.

1. We are known by Him.
2. We have been given eternal life.
3. This eternal life has already begun, and no one is able to overpower Him and eternally kill us or and snatch us from His powerful grip.