



THE FIRST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Acts 20:17-24
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Acts 1-2: AD 30

Paul ministered in Ephesus from _____ (Acts 19)

Paul comes back by Ephesus _____ (Acts 20:17-38)

Elder: Describes _____ (v.17)

Elder: *presbuteros* - a senior; specifically, or Christian "presbyter"

KJV - elder (-est), old (OTESD)

Overseer/Bishop: Describes the _____ (v.28)

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (episkopos), to feed (poimaino) the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. - Acts 20:28 (KJV)

Bishop/Overseer: *episkopos* - a superintendent, i.e. Christian officer in genitive case charge of a (or the) church

KJV - Bishop, Overseer

Pastor describes the _____: Feeding (v.28)

Feed: *poimaino* - to tend as a shepherd of (figuratively, supervisor)

KJV - feed (cattle), rule

He (Jesus) saith unto him, Feed (poimaino) my sheep.

- John 21:16 (KJV)

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors (poimen) and teachers...

- Ephesians 4:11 (NASB95)

Since they could all leave to go see Paul, it is likely these were all in

Paul's Past Ministry at Ephesus (vv.18-21)

In the good times and the bad times Paul emphasized _____

whatever was _____ to whoever would listen (vv.20,27)

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of our affliction which occurred in Asia (Ephesus), that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life. - 2 Corinthians 1:8 (NASB)

If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised... - 1 Corinthians 15:32 (NASB95)

Paul taught whatever was profitable (v.20),
but the main message was always:

...repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Acts 20:21 (ESV)

Gospel means _____

It's good news because when I receive the Gospel I become

God's _____ and I receive God's _____

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel (euaggelion) of the grace (charis) of God. - Acts 20:24 (NKJV)

Gospel: *euaggelion* - Good News, i.e. the gospel (OTESD)

Grace: *charis* - indicating favor on the part of the giver (VCED)

...Jesus advanced...in grace (charis) with God... - Luke 2:52 (SLT)

And Jesus grew...in favor (charis) with God... - Luke 2:52 (NIV)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. - John 1:12 (NLT)

Religion _____

Family _____

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

- Revelation 3:20 (NIV)