CALVARY CHURCH

GOOD NEWS AND WARNINGS

Acts 20:22-32
October 31/November 1, 2026

Acts 1-2: AD 30

Paul was in Ephesus (Chapter 19) _____

Paul comes back by Ephesus (Acts 20:18-38) _____

...Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis...
- Acts 19:35 (NIV)

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 (chara)*, 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)*

God does _____ with me based upon my _____

God _____ with me based upon _____ performance

Jesus _____ what I _____ so I can _____

what Jesus _____

Leader's Responsibility: Tell the _____ (vv.25-27)
For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
- Acts 20:27 (KJV) (Ezekiel 3:18-19)

Persecution comes from the _____

"Wolves" come from _____ the church (vv.29-30)
I know that after my departure fierce (barys) *wolves* (lukas) *will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted* (*distort [NIV], perverse [KJV]*) *things, to draw away the disciples after them. - Acts 20:29-30 (ESV)*

(Jesus) *"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." - Matthew 7:15 (NASB)*

Two views on wolves that come from the inside:

View One

Motive of "wolves": They want a _____ (Guzik)
…to draw away the disciples after them. - Acts 20:30 (ESV)

Method: _____ the Truth (Guzik)
…men speaking twisted (distort [NIV], perverse [KJV]) things...
- Acts 20:30 (ESV)

God never _____ the "_____" of wolves
...for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. - 1 Corinthians 11:19 (ESV)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. - John 15:8 (ESV)

View Two

Wolves turn the _____ into _____ as they distort God's _____ for His children

Fierce: *barys* - weighty, burdensome, grave, grievous, heavy, weightier (OTESD)

...he (Jesus) *is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. - Hebrews 8:6 (KJV)*

(God) "*...I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the Lord, am your healer." - Exodus 15:26 (NASB95)*

"But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." - Deuteronomy 8:18 (NASB95)

...let them say continually, "The Lord be magnified,
Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." - Psalms 35:27 (NASB95)