

**“Acts – Enlarging the Kingdom (14-2):
Concluding Paul’s 3rd Missionary Journey” (Acts 20:1-38)**

Today: Paul’s “Farewell Events” in Acts 20 as he closed his 3rd Missionary Journey

I. A Farewell Journey (Acts 20:1–5): From Ephesus (Asia Minor) back to Churches in Macedonia, Greece and Troas (Europe)

II. A Farewell Service (Acts 20:6–12): How Local Church Met for Worship

A. Gathering on the Lord’s Day (v 7): 1st Day of the week

B. Pattern of Worship: Multi-Ethnic, the Lord’s Supper, and the Lord’s Message

Preach the Word and Heed the Word!

III. A Farewell Message (Acts 20:13–38): Meeting Elders of the Ephesian Church

A. Three Titles – One Office: Elder, Overseers, Shepherd/Pastor – Synonymous for the same Office (for Qualifications, see: 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:5–9)

B. Three Parts in Paul’s Farewell Message

1. Review of the Past (vv 18–21)

2. Testimony of the Present (vv 22–27)

When a person is Faithful to his Calling, he will Not be Fearful

3. Warning about the Future (vv 28–38): Watch Out!

Dangers Around Us (v 29); Dangers Among Us (v 30); Dangers Within Us (vv 31–35):

5 Sins: Carelessness (v 31); Shallowness (v 32); Covetousness (v 33);

Laziness (v 34); Selfishness (v 35)

Reflection

What would your Last Word be? Would others Resonate with your Last Word?

Let’s Finish the Race Well, and let us...

Testify with our Lives and Words the Gospel of God’s Grace!