



*Message Title: Our Attitude about the Church*

Text: Acts 20: 17-38

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 11:00 am

**Introduction:** In these passages of Scripture about the Apostle Paul and the Church at Ephesus, we can see some very important things that ought to be on display in the lives as Christians. We see an attitude, by the Christians, of Paul's day, about the local Church that should be demonstrative of our current attitudes about the local Church of our day.

**In** our pursuit of a Biblical worldview, we have looked at the elements of our Biblical foundation. The foundation, made of five separate, yet inseparably linked levels: The Word of God, God Himself, Jesus, the Son of God, the Holy Spirit of God, and finally: The Church. Today, we are looking at the Local Church.

**Our** attitude, about the Church, should be:

1. v18. Candid.
2. v19. Christ like.
3. vv21-22. Consistent.
4. vv22-23. Controlled by the Holy Spirit.
5. v24. Counting the cost of quitting.
6. vv25-27. Clean hands, before the Lord and before men.
7. v33. Covetousness (Worldly Lusts) defeated.

**Notice** these three points about our Christian attitude, in reference to our Church:

1. Acts 20: 28. The Worth of the Church.
2. Acts 20: 29-30.
  - a. The Wolves in the Church.
  - b. The Weasels in the Church.
3. Acts 20: 31-33. The Work of the Church.

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