

### Lesson 40 Answers and Comments

Youth	wind	words
Children	doctrine	doctrine
Youngest	truth	
Keepeth	fables	
Sheep	uncorruptness	
Anoint	contrary	
Timotheus	doctrine	
Likeminded	learned	
Own	all	
Proof	epistles	
Son	hard	
Father	understood	
Served	unlearned	
Gospel	unstable	
Obedyed	scriptures	
Heart	destruction	
Form	many	
Doctrine	corrupt	
Delivered	sincerity	
Vain	truth	
Worship	conscience	
Doctrines	simplicity	
Commandments	sincerity	
Men	conversation	
Doctrine	love	
Pharisees	sincerity	
Sadducees	sincere	
Tossed	wholesome	

We have seen over the past 5 or 6 lesson that “shewing thyself a pattern of good works” has everything to do with having an accurate understanding of the word of God that breaks forth into activity that is in harmony with what God is doing. Doctrinal soundness allows us to co-labor with God, building gold, silver, and precious stones on the foundation laid down by Paul.

### Lesson 41 Paul the Preacher

We have seen the high calling of godliness to young men and women in I Tim. 4:12 and in Titus 2:1-8. I would like to take a look at a certain young man and his failure to this calling and then what put him back on track.

Acts 20:6-12. Read this passage a few times before starting this lesson.

In vs. 6 we find Paul sailing from \_\_\_\_\_ and coming to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ days. If you have a map section in your Bible see if you can locate Philippi and Troas. Or you can look in an atlas and trace the journey that Paul made.

How many days was Paul planning to spend at Troas? \_\_\_\_\_

We find Paul meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. In I Cor. 16:2 we also see that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week the early church met. This is in contrast to Israel's Sabbath. The Sabbath was the Jews day to meet.

Mark 1:21 "...the \_\_\_\_\_ day he entered into the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

Luke 4:31 "...and \_\_\_\_\_ them on the \_\_\_\_\_ days."

Luke 13:10 "And he was \_\_\_\_\_ in one of the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_."

The Jew's Sabbath was not just an arbitrary day picked by Jewish leaders. It was commanded by God as a Holy Day.

We see a change here in the Age of Grace! Beginning with Paul, in contrast to the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ who confirmed the Sabbath and kept it, we see a new day for meeting. The first day of the week. Does this mean that Sunday is now God's ordained Holy Day for saints to meet together?

Col. 2:16 "Let no man therefore \_\_\_\_\_ you in meat, or in drink, or in \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_, or of the new moon, or of the \_\_\_\_\_ days." Even though it was the custom of the early church to meet on the first day of the week, we have total liberty to meet whenever we want. Keep in mind that the first day of the week to Israel began at the end of the Sabbath which was

about 6 o'clock in the evening. Saturday night began the first day of the week, not Sunday morning as we identify it today.

Of course, all things should be done "in order" and without confusion, so selecting a certain day to meet regularly is important. If one day works better than another for your group, then choose that day and time. The first day of the week is not the Christian's Sabbath nor should all or any of the legal restrictions commanded to Israel for Sabbath keeping be carried over to the church, the body of Christ. We have liberty under grace! Paul warns the Galatians that this grace liberty does not give them the freedom to choose to go back under the law. Paul calls this in Gal. 4:9 "...ye \_\_\_\_\_ again to be in \_\_\_\_\_?"

### **Lesson 41 Continued**

So Paul is at Troas and meeting together with the \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 7 of Acts 20. Who were the disciples that had come together? I suspect that they might have been the men in verse 4 and 5 who had gone on earlier to Troas and waited for Paul. They were 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Berea, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Thessalonica, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, of Derbe, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Asia. Seven men who labored with the apostle Paul and we also have Luke joining the party as he uses the pronoun "And \_\_\_\_\_ sailed" in vs. 6. Or these disciples could have been assembled from the saints at Troas.

What had the disciples come together to do? Acts 20:7 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, they came together to break bread. Was this a "communion" service or an ordinary meal? Since the purpose of this study is not to study this rather controversial subject, I'll let you mull this over for another time. (unless there is an outbreak of interest that stampedes my email).

We now have Paul and his co-laborers at Troas with the disciples breaking bread and \_\_\_\_\_ begins to \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, Acts 20:7.

Paul is the preacher! Paul, God's chosen spokesman for the dispensation of grace.

Paul, the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" "Rom. 11:13

Paul the "\_\_\_\_\_ vessel" of God in Acts 9:15

Paul, whom God \_\_\_\_\_ his Son to Gal. 1:16

Paul, the one to whom the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ was committed in Gal. 2:7

Paul, the one to preach among the Gentiles the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ; Eph. 3:8

From our experience in talking to “Christian” people, there is zero or little appreciation or recognition of the prominence of the apostle Paul. There is even less understanding of the “mystery” truth of which he delivered to be believed on today.

Acts 20:7 says “...Paul \_\_\_\_\_ unto them...”

In talking to a fellow believer not too long ago she said, “I like Bible discussions rather than preaching.”

God loves the preaching of His Word. I hope you do too! Think for a moment what does it take to keep you home or away from the preaching of God’s Word??

Rom. 1:15 “So, as much as in me is, I am ready to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_...”

Rom. 10:15 “...How beautiful are the \_\_\_\_\_ of them that \_\_\_\_\_...”

Rom. 15:20 “Yea, so have I strived to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_...”

### **Lesson 41 Continued**

I Cor. 1:23 “But we \_\_\_\_\_ Christ crucified...”

I Cor. 1:18 “For the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_...”

I Cor. 1:21 “...it pleased God by the foolishness of \_\_\_\_\_ to save them that believe.”

II Tim. 4:2 “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_...”

God delights in the preaching of His word. Missionaries recently back from the regions where the tsunami hit said “We just brought supplies and food but we were careful not to offend them with preaching of the gospel since they believed something else. Blankets and food are great but they will not avail to the saving of anyone’s soul!

We need to preach the word. It’s what the saved and unsaved alike need to hear.

Acts 20:7 “...Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow;” Paul was about to leave the next day. The night before leaving is usually spent in packing, shopping, finishing all the loose ends. Not Paul. How easily we let the “affairs of this world” keep us from ministry responsibilities. Paul’s priorities were in the right place. Let us also be willing to “preach the word the night before we leave on a trip.”

Finishing up vs. 7 we see that Paul continued his \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

Wow! I thought people could only sit for 15 minutes and pay attention. Paul liked preaching for long periods of time.

Acts 28:23 "...to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, \_\_\_\_\_ them concerning \_\_\_\_\_, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from \_\_\_\_\_ til \_\_\_\_\_."

Nehemiah 8:3 "And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_..."

Nehemiah 9:3 "And they \_\_\_\_\_ up in their place, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of the law of the LORD their God one \_\_\_\_\_ part of the day..."

If the preacher goes "overtime" are you checking the clock?

If this lesson is too long are you bored?

I pray that we have an appetite for the word of God rightly divided that can't be satisfied! Next week we get to a certain young man named Eutychus who is at this grand and glorious Bible preaching meeting.

### **Lesson 41 Continued**

If there is no desire, no hunger for the preaching of the word of God, perhaps it's because you don't know the Author! You can know Him, simply by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose again. Believe this, and God will save you by His grace and give you His life.

The blood of Jesus Christ is the only payment for sin that God accepts. The work of salvation is done, finished by Christ on the cross. Are you resting in that alone for your salvation?