**Paul’s Warning to the Gentiles**

**Act 20:27-32**

*Paul knew denominations were coming: Paul knew they were going to continue to preach the apostles doctrine despite all that he was teaching about the risen Saviour’s doctrine to the Gentiles. Paul knew that in ‘our day’, the term for it all, the Great Commission, was going to eventually take over the local churches.*

*I believe, without a shadow of doubt, that we are now living in a time created by pastors and men who did NOT avoid what Paul told them to avoid; they DID heed what they were not supposed to heed; they did NOT withdraw from whom they were to withdraw; they did NOT mark those that should have been marked; they did NOT purge themselves from whom they needed purging; they did NOT cast off as they were told – the DID have fellowship with those they were NOT to have fellowship with; they DID have company with whom they were not supposed to have company; they did NOT reject, they did NOT reprove, they did NOT rebuke those professors, teachers, pastors, authors, musicians, composers, men, women, parents, etc. that needed to be reproved, rebuked and rejected!*

*Basically, they ignored Paul’s warning.*

*However, there is still someone who can take heed to Paul’s warning.* ***YOU!***

*…or have you already? If not, will you now?*

*If you have, will you stand with it and on it?*

(in the local great commission ‘bible’ churches, this is called an invitation –

*“Heads bowed, eyes closed, hand across your kid’s mouth – don’t move!”… ha)*

***For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.***

Paul did his job! See **II Timothy 4:6-8; Galatians 1:16; Ephesians 3:1-12**! However, contrary to most pastors and teachers who ‘say’ they do preach Paul, this could not be referring to any of the OT or the Gospels or even in the ‘end books’ of the Bible – those last books that I call the Tribulation books because Paul calls it ‘***counsel’*** – and the only true God inspired counseling now would be from the risen Christ; **not** the earthly Jesus with His Jewish Gospel and **not** the ‘everlasting gospel’ from the tribulational ‘ready-to-return-to- the-Jews’ Jesus.

Paul has told the Gentiles all of what they – the Gentiles - needed to be told about the Son of God – the risen Saviour - Jesus Christ. Again, see **Galatians 1:16**. And of course, that would mean about Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection but that could **not** mean all the doctrine from those same gospels because Jesus told the apostles to NOT take that doctrine to the Gentiles. It would not make sense that suddenly Jewish doctrine is ‘ok’ for the Gentiles to follow and that it all would be included ‘along with’ what Paul is teaching to them from the risen Saviour. Besides, that is repeatedly proven scripturally that there are major differences in those doctrines.

(See my page on **Contrasts** within the website for a complete list).

That would be a ‘mix’ of gospels - and would only (as it does today) cause confusion. The OT and the gospels are not included together in the dispensation of the grace of God nor was the ‘goodness of God’ in effect towards the Jews. It was the ‘severity of God’ that had been directed towards the Jews while the ‘goodness of God’ was and is now available to the Gentiles. There is no mix of severity and the goodness of God. See **Romans 11:22** and **Romans 2:4,5**.

Here is a specific illustration to prove the above point about mixing gospel and doctrines. “Cloudy Dave,” in his ‘Baptist Law” Encyclopedia which I call “*Not the Way of Life Encyclopedia,*” of his 36 verses he uses to describe the ‘church’, 21 (60%) of those verses are **BP** – “**B**efore **P**aul.” That is a mix of OT and NT. That is ‘two – two – two doctrines into one.’ Can’t be done – shouldn’t be done – but is being done – everywhere!

In fact (bunny trial), those people today who grew up with church /religion, etc. but now ‘hate God’ do so because they were taught to be scared of the ‘severity’ of God. If they had been taught the ‘goodness of God,’ I believe with all my heart that most of them would still be believing and trying to serve the living God.

***Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.***

Of course, when Paul mentions the ‘*church of God,*’ we understand that he is referring to the people being the ‘church’ - not the specific church building nor any – ANY - denomination. Paul’s stuff on ‘church’ is the all ‘new church’ - the people, etc.– see **Ephesians 5**.

Paul knew there was trouble brewing in ‘the church,’ although, he says in **I Corinthians 1:10,11** that there should be no divisions among the people – that they should speak the same thing. He made that statement because, as he says, he knew there were contentions among them. So of course, Paul puts out a warning.

However, I think Paul knew that contention was going to create all the denominations we have today. But I also believe Paul knew they were going to teach the ‘gospel’ from the gospels – the great commission, as so many name it today, instead of what Paul was preaching and teaching, according to the risen Saviour!

**This is Paul’s exact warning -**

- word for word - as given to him by the risen Saviour

and preserved for us today only within the King James 1611 Bible!

***For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*** In other words, nobody seems to escape from these grievous wolves who will come into your local church. And not only were they going to come in from the ‘outside.’ They were going to come from ‘within.’ ***Also of your own selves*** (meaning the brethren…) ***shall men arise, speaking perverse things***, (so yes, teaching the ‘great commission’ would be considered ‘perverse’ along with being described as profane and vain babblings – see **II Timothy 2:15,16**) ***to draw away disciples after them***. (and it certainly has worked. Since the rise of the Great Commission in the late 1700 early 1800’s by a Baptist Missionary William Carey, commonly known as “the Father of Modern Missions” (duh - naturally!), it has taken over all the churches – leaving only a few that say they are wise to it, but unfortunately, seem to unknowingly follow it anyway.)

The Great Commission philosophy and profane use of the Scriptures and ‘spiritualistic’ approach has infiltrated nearly all the local churches, no matter what denominational ties exist – it’s all part of the pope’s ecumenical draw – along with music, worshipping together, no matter what your denomination. You know what they say – “*It’s all about Jeeeeeeeeeesus!!* Unfortunately, they are taught ‘***another gospel***’ (***which is not another***…) and ***pervert the gospel of Christ*** – and so, they have ‘***another Jesus***’ in their midst! – see **Galatians 1:6-9** and **II Corinthians 11:4.**

***Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*** (and yet they hated him – they made Paul an enemy to them – they conspired to kill him, etc.) ***And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace,*** (not to the word of his severity) ***which is able to build you up,*** (severity punishes and tears you down if you didn’t repent and make the proper correction) ***and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*** (See**Ephesians 3**.)