



Knothole Religion

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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THE GIFT OF _____

Acts 21:15-17 (NLT)

15 After this we packed our things and left for Jerusalem.

16 Some believers from Caesarea accompanied us, and they took us to the home of Mnason, a man originally from Cyprus and one of the early believers. 17 When we arrived, the brothers and sisters in Jerusalem welcomed us warmly.

Everyone is welcome to come to church, but not everyone will feel welcome to stay in church when truth is spoken.

WE ARE ALL _____

Acts 21:18-19 (NLT)

18 The next day Paul went with us to meet with James, and all the elders of the Jerusalem church were present. 19 After greeting them, Paul gave a detailed account of the things God had accomplished among the Gentiles through his ministry.

The Church is a Family Business

Luke 2:49 (NJKV)

And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

God's Work is Best Done God's Way

1 Corinthians 14:40 (NKJV)

Let all things be done decently and in order.

THE _____ OF THE JERUSALEM ELDERS

Acts 21:20 (NLT)

20 After hearing this, they praised God. And then they said, "You know, dear brother, how many thousands of Jews have also believed, and they all follow the law of Moses very seriously.

The Pride They Displayed

Acts 21:20b (NLT)

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The Pretense They Depicted

Acts 21:21-22 (NLT)

21 But the Jewish believers here in Jerusalem have been told that you are teaching all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn their backs on the laws of Moses. They've heard that you teach them not to circumcise their children or follow other Jewish customs. 22 What should we do? They will certainly hear that you have come.

The Proof They Desired

Acts 21:23-25 (NLT)

23 "Here's what we want you to do. We have four men here who have completed their vow. 24 Go with them to the Temple and join them in the purification ceremony, paying for them to have their heads ritually shaved. Then everyone will know that the rumors are all false and that you yourself observe the Jewish laws. 25 "As for the Gentile believers, they should do what we already told them in a letter: They should abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality."

THREE BIG TAKEAWAYS

1. What you compromise to keep, you end up losing anyway.
2. Be kind, be loving, but be firm with convictions.
3. Sugarcoating truth doesn't result in lives transformed.

ANSWERS:

1. HOSPITALITY
2. ACCOUNTABLE
3. SHORTSIGHTEDNESS