

## **The Whole Counsel of God**

*1 Peter 3:13-17 & Acts 20:16-38*

In Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders, he says that he has declared to them the "whole counsel of God." This is not merely information about God, but all that is necessary for genuine faith.

### **Purpose of Salvation for Us**

Atonement (*Acts 20:26*)

Inheritance (*Acts 20:32*)

Sanctification (*Acts 20:32*)

Blessing (*1 Peter 3:14*)

### **Path of Faith**

Prepared to make a defense for the hope in us (*1 Peter 3:15*)

Boldly testify of repentance and faith [gospel] (*Acts 20:21, 24*)

Work hard to help others (*Acts 20:35*)

Guard the flock [Church] (*Acts 20:28*)

### **Pitfalls to Faithfulness**

False teachers (*Acts 20:29-31*)

Suffering for righteousness sake (*1 Peter 3:14*)

### **Power of God Made Available**

Holy Spirit (*Acts 20:16, 22, 23, 28*)

Blood of Christ (*Acts 20:28*)

Faith in our Lord Jesus (*Acts 20:21*)

Prayer (*Acts 20:36*)

Gospel (word) of the grace of God (*Acts 20:24, 32*)

### **Personal Character Developed**

Zealous for what is good (*1 Peter 3:13, 16*)

Honor Christ the Lord as holy (*1 Peter 3:15*)

Gentle and respectful with a good conscience (*1 Peter 3:15*)

Enduring suffering (*1 Peter 3:17*)

Living with integrity over time (*Acts 20:18*)

Serving with humility (*Acts 20:19, 24*)

Finishing what God entrusted to us (*Acts 20:24*)

Coveting nothing [contentment] (*Acts 20:33*)