

AFTER A FAITHFUL WATCHMAN DEPARTS

Acts 20:29-31

Theme: Paul's concern for a local church's future: *after my departing*

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A Statement of F_____ does not tell you everything you need to know about a church!

The book of Acts is not just a statement of the apostles' faith, but a statement of their faith *in _____ion!*

I. Paul's CONSISTENCY in the PAST: *from the first day (18-21)*

II. Paul's CONFIDENCE in the PRESENT: *and now, behold (22-28)*

III. Paul's C_____ for the FUTURE: *after my departing (29-38)*

A. His A_____tion (29-31)

1. I_____TION of the threat (29-30)

a. The threat of in_____ders lurking to get in! (29)

Mt 10:16, "*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of _____: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*"

Lk 10:3, "*Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among _____.*"

b. The threat of in_____ders evolving to rise up! (30)

"In_____ders" (29) can become "in_____ders" (30).

Mt 7:15, "*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening _____.*"

2. I_____TION about the threat (31)

a. How L_____ Paul warned—*three years*: P_____ is required

b. How O_____ Paul warned—*day and night*: R_____ is required

Elisha wept because Hazeal, in 2 Kings 8:7-13, was himself the "_____" he so despised!

B. His C_____tion (32-38)