

## Paul's Parting Words

Acts 20:1-38

Intro: This morning we will travel along with Paul as he initiates the conclusion of his third missionary journey with a whirl-wind Mediterranean tour. He departs Ephesus, revisits the churches he had established in Macedonia and Greece, escapes the Jews' plot to kill him, and issues a final exhortation and blessing to the elders of the church at Ephesus.

### I. Paul's Ministry in Macedonia, Illyricum (Rom 15:19), and Corinth 20:1-6

### II. Paul's Ministry at Troas, and Restoration of Eutychus 20:7-12

### III. Paul's Voyage to Miletus 20:13-16

### IV. Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders 20:17-38

#### A. Paul's review of his past ministry (vv. 18-21)

1. *He had served them in humility* (vv. 18-19)
2. *He had carried-out a public teaching ministry* (v. 20)
3. *He had preached an **inclusive message*** (v. 21) Paul preached a simple and yet profound message—God has made salvation available to all who will **repent of sin and receive Jesus as Savior**. The message has always been the same: **repent and believe!**



#### B. Paul's future plans (vv. 22-27)

#### C. Paul's warning for the elders to be on guard against false teachings (vv. 28-31)

1. *External foes* (vv. 28-29)
2. *Internal foes* (vv. 30-31)

#### D. Paul's blessing and final admonition (vv. 32-35)

#### E. Paul's parting prayer, and the elders' emotional response (vv. 36-38)

Applications:

1. May each of us, like Paul, live our lives in the pursuit and service of Jesus Christ!
2. May each of us live the Christian life by **repenting of sin** and **allowing Jesus to be Savior!**
3. May each of us live our lives so that we are a blessing to one another, and to God!

