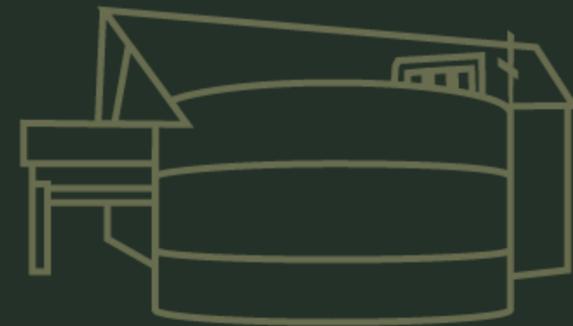


# ACTS



*The Story of the Church*



<sup>18</sup> And when they [the overseers] came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews..."

<sup>22</sup> ...And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the ***gospel of the grace of God.***

"Grace means God's saving favor freely given to the utterly undeserving. Grace arises from His character and is initiated by Him, and is not a response to us, in fact it is given despite our rebellion."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, "The Glory of the Gospel"

"Grace is God's sending His Son to die for us which gives us access to forgiveness, being reconciled to God in relationship through Jesus' righteousness [justification], new birth, the Holy Spirit, union with Jesus, and access to God Himself."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, "The Glory of the Gospel"

"It is the "gospel—good news" of Grace, because otherwise the bad news is that we would be eternally separated from him in judgement."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, "The Glory of the Gospel"

<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. <sup>4</sup> I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives.

**JUDE 1:3-4A** ESV

Arcion hereticus



<sup>20</sup> [*You yourselves know*]...how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of **repentance** toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ...<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, <sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you ***the whole counsel of God.***

**ACTS 20:20-21, 26-27** ESV

# Passion for the Gospel of Grace:

- Urgent & balanced preaching / teaching

<sup>33</sup> "I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>  
You yourselves know that these hands  
ministered to my necessities and to those who  
were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you  
that by working hard in this way we must help  
the weak and remember the words of the Lord  
Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed  
to give than receive.'"

**ACTS 20:33-35** ESV

# Passion for the Gospel of Grace:

- Urgent & balanced preaching / teaching
- Generosity towards needs

<sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

<sup>18b</sup> "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19a</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with **tears...**"

<sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with **tears.**

<sup>36</sup> And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.<sup>37</sup> And there was much **weeping** on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, <sup>38</sup> being **sorrowful** most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

# Passion for the Gospel of Grace:

- Urgent & balanced preaching / teaching
- Generosity towards needs
- Deep & heartfelt relationships