



Lesson #4 = God's Word

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sermon by Ray Reynolds on Sunday AM (10-28-12)

TEXT: (Acts 20:17-38)

Introduction: For the past few Sundays we have considered God's vision for building His church (the people, not the building). Today we are going to consider the church as it is built upon God's Word. What can we learn from the early church? How did the Word of God help to shape their thinking and actions? Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. The Word of God Builds The Spirit of the Church

- A. The spirit of the church was contagious (**Acts 2:41-47**).
- B. The spirit of the church was consuming (**Acts 17:11**).
- C. The spirit of the church was cultivating (**Acts 20:32**).
- D. The spirit of the church was connecting (**Acts 28:30-31**).

II. The Word of God Builds The Faith of the Church

- A. The faith of the church was essential (**Romans 10:17**).
- B. The faith of the church was elementary (**James 2:26**).
- C. The faith of the church was established (**Colossians 2:6-7**).
- D. The faith of the church was evident (**II Timothy 2:1-2**).

III. The Word of God Builds The Image of the Church

- A. The image of the church reflects a kingdom (**Matthew 16:18**).
- B. The image of the church reflects a temple (**Ephesians 2:20-21**).
- C. The image of the church reflects a body (**Ephesians 4-5**).
- D. The image of the church reflects a hospital (**Romans 14:19**).

Conclusion: The church was provided to the people of God with the intent of it being one of the greatest blessings to world! The Lord wants His church to grow and build. He wants it to be built upon the right foundation. We need the Word of God to keep us in check! Have you allowed the Word of God to build up your spirit? Have you established your faith? Have you been added to the Lord's church? Let's get right church!

WORD OF THE DAY = "CHURCH"