

How Christians Entrust Themselves to God's Grace

Acts 20:16-32

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Introduction: false shepherds hinder us from the narrow gate and the hard way that lead to life—but how are true shepherds to guide Christ's flock into them?

1. What's so important?

- a. A hurried meeting
- b. A final meeting
- c. Something worth tears and trials, past and present

2. The ministry of the Word

- a. Where: publicly and from house to house
- b. Who: everyone in the church
- c. What: repentance toward God (law) and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (gospel)

3. What to watch against

- a. Incompleteness that leaves the shepherds "guilty of blood"
- b. Hypocrisy in which shepherds do not tend to themselves first
- c. Savage wolves who come in and devour the flock (cf. Mat 7:15-27)
- d. "Shepherds" who speak their own words to create their own followers

Conclusion: God is the only One—and the Word of His grace is the only thing—that can fit us for and bring us all the way home to heaven.