

WHEN PREACHING CHRIST CAUSES A CULTURE CLASH

Acts 19.21-41

We left off last time with the bonfires still burning...

1. Like Paul, we ought to have a desire **to go** with the gospel.
 - a. Everyone needs to have a **Rome** in mind.
 - b. Everyone needs to keep the **saints** in mind.
2. Like Paul we ought to expect **cultural opposition** (v.23-34)
 - a. Demetrius stirred up **hatred** toward Christians (v.23-28).
 - i. He appealed to their possible **loss of income** (v.23-25).
 - ii. He appealed to their religious **loyalties** (v.26).
 - iii. He appealed to their sense of civic pride or **patriotism** (v.27)
 - b. Demetrius stirred the public to **raw emotion**.
 - i. **Anger** (v.28)
 - ii. **Confusion** (v.29-32)
 - iii. **Racism** (33-34).

3. Like Paul we ought to **rest** in God's protection (v.35-41).

Take this with you.

- 1) We need to see our **personal** Rome. There is always someone yet to reach with the gospel.
- 2) Cultural change occurs **one person** at a time. Changed people change the **culture**. We should never be **intimidated** by the culture.
- 3) Christianity should have an impact on professions that feed off of superstition and **sin**.
- 4) Christians can expect **vicious opposition** from a world that hates our message and our Savior.
- 5) We can rest assured that God knows our **situation**.

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