

AM: Perseverance & the Role of Elders: Facing Wolves (Acts 20:28-31)

Acts 20: 26, 26 - Reflecting back on faithful and costly ministry

- a) Paul: innocent of their blood; We can be guilty of the blood of others
- b) Implications of Paul's two statements: *Knowing the whole council of God*

I. A General Command for Vigilance (20:28, 31)

- Vs. 28 "Therefore take heed"...or "Be on guard"...vs 31 "watch"
- Λ. Application: elder's oversight. V. 28 Pastors/elders in the New Testament

II. The Duty of Caring for all the Flock

1. The flock purchased by the blood of God's Son (20:28)
2. Shepherds chosen by God for this work (20:28)
3. Great dangers always await the church (20:29-30)
4. Paul's personal example (20:31)

PM: The Blood of God (Acts 20:28b) Communion Service

I. Shepherd God Seeks His Lost Sheep

II. Shepherd God became a Man to bleed and die and Save His lost Sheep

III. The Church of God, Which He purchased with His Own Blood

IV. How then Shall We Live

1. You are loved by God and He will be faithful to your soul
2. Live a life worthy of that great sacrifice of your soul
3. Therefore live in harmony with your brethren