

**Place of Grace**  
**Acts 20:17-32**

**The BIG Idea**

The church is \_\_\_\_\_ to God. Acts 20:28, "... obtained with His own blood."

**The BIG Question**

Is the church precious \_\_\_\_\_?

**The Church is Precious**

- 1) God's people have \_\_\_\_\_ much for it and invested much in it (verses 18-19, 23).
  - The local church is a family of blood-bought people who claim the name of Jesus and have identified themselves as His followers through baptism.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:57-58, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
  
- 2) We've been entrusted with a life-changing, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ message (verses 20-21).
  - Matthew 16:16-18, "Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him ... 'I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'"
  - Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."
  
- 3) It's a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 23-24, 32).
  - 2 Corinthians 8:9, "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might be rich."