LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sow Gospel Seeds

Lesson Five • Acts 19:17-20:1

Sow with Gospel Perseverance

What Happens After We Sow Gospel Seeds?

Gospel transformation always results in opposition and persecution.

Four Truths for Sowing with Gospel Perseverance

1. Gospel Transformation Is the Result of PROCLAMATION.

Acts 19:23-26

"Now after these things were finished..." (v. 21)

2. Gospel Transformation Leads to OPPOSITION. *Acts 19:24-28*

- **PERSONAL** opposition. (vv. 24-25)

- **CULTURAL** opposition. (vv. 26-29)

  1) The ***false worship*** was being **DISCREDITED** which was bad for the craftsmen.

     "Not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall in disrepute" (v. 27)

  2) The ***false temple*** was being **DEBUNKED** which was bad for the city.

     "but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless" (v. 27) "the city of the Ephesians is guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the image which fell down from heaven!" (v. 35)

  3) The ***false goddess*** was being **DETHRONED** which was bad for the culture.

     "And that she whom the whole world worship will even be dethroned from her magnificence!" (v. 27) "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" (vv. 28, 34)

- **SUPERNATURAL** opposition.

  Ephesians 6:10-12; 2Corinthians 4:3-4; 10:3-5

Good News for Seed Sowers and All Peoples

Nothing can stop God from calling out His people by the power of the gospel.

3. Gospel Transformation Sets the Church Apart in the Cultural CONFUSION. *Acts 19:8-12*

Christians Must Be Set Apart from the Cultural Confusion

- By our radical **OBEDIENCE** to the mission.

  Gaius and Aristarchus (v. 29)

- By our sacrificial **LOVE** for people.

  Apostle Paul (v. 30-31)

- By our personal **SUFFERING** for the Name of our King, Jesus.

  All Believers and Every Church (Acts 14:21-22; 21:12-13)

4. Gospel Transformation Enables Us to Persevere with God's Sovereign PROTECTION. *Acts 19:33-41*

Who Does God Use to Calm the Confusion and Dismiss the Mob?

An unsaved, nameless ***TOWN CLERK****!*

"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,
And His sovereignty rules over all." Psalms 103:19

So Now What? GO SOW with GOSPEL PERSEVERANCE!

Persevere in...

- ☐ Living above reproach with transformed lives that cannot be justly accused.
- ☐ Sowing gospel seeds in spite of opposition or persecution.
- ☐ Remaining set apart from the increasing cultural confusion by our radical obedience, sacrificial love, and willingness to suffer for the gospel.
- ☐ Being seed sowers because until God is done with us, we are invincible.

See Bulletin Insert for ***"Next Steps for Persevering in Sowing Gospel Seeds"***