

# Pastor's Commentary And Outline

## **The growth and prevalence of the Word of God!**

*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.* Acts 19:20

The undeniable mark of apostolic preaching, in the early Church was the growth, increase, abounding of the Word of God, that is, the gospel, in the book of Acts. The men whom God had called were preaching Christ in all the scriptures, and it dominated the life of them which heard it.

How do I know I am under the authority of the gospel? Is it increasing in your understanding? Is it abounding in its revelation of the person and work of our Savior? Do you find yourself delighting in the precepts of scripture more and more? More importantly, are you understanding the centrality of the God ordained truth, which is Jesus Christ? John 14:6 Has He appeared to you in glory?

In Paul's day, folks were not only exposed to and challenged, for those who came within ear shot, but they were also powerfully apprehended, so that the Word of God prevailed in them which heard it.

*And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.*  
Acts 19:18

This is what we desire of God. That HE would be MAGNIFIED in us! Christ in you the hope of glory!

*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* Phil 1:21

*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.* John 14:21

*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.* John 14:23

This is His promise to us. Long for it!

*Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.* Mark 13:48

*The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. 39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. 40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.*

If you are sinning perpetually, "that is bent on carnal things?" you are not praying. If you are fervently praying, you are not sinning continually, "You are resisting the devil!"

Passionate prayer, and passionate sinning? The two are mutually exclusive!

Pray for yourselves. For your children, your spouse, your Church, your leaders, your brothers in Christ, your friends, Your enemies.

## Ruth #7 "A son is born to Naomi"

Naomi's Agenda. "Who are you? . 3:16 / Barley= the gospel / Earnest  
Eph 1: 13, 14

(1) **The business of Boaz** Prov 22:29 / Luke 2:49 / Redemption / Marriage: Deut 25:5-10

Joshua 1:3, 5:15/ Acts 7:5 Rev 10:2 "Leverite law/ Raise.

(2) **The blessing of body:** Vs 11,12 / Rom 12:14 / Rev 3:12/14:1/ 2 Cor 5:17/ Twofold; Ruth - A mother in Israel / Boaz - a name and work, leading to Christ

The Judean Pattern: Gentile women . 2 Chron 2:4-12, 9,11 Wealth!  
Ruth, 2:1

Gen 38:27-30 God's Sovereignty to preserve a seed. Pharez! Breach / Zarah light,

### Parallels? Tamar and Ruth / Rahab?

(3) **The birth of a baby boy! 4:12c** "The Lord give thee seed. / He gave seed .

Naomi honored, even in her despair. Rest for Ruth 1:8/ 3:9/ Mt 11:28

A son is born, to NAOMI! Obed - The servant of the Lord! Worship/  
husbandry

**Application:** Gal 4:19 / Rom 7:1-6 , 1 Cor 15:58: Be fruitful people of God!

## WITHOUT CHRIST:

*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."* (John 15:5-6) "

One year when I was traveling towards my usual winter resting-place I halted at Marseilles, and there was overtaken by great pain. In my room in the hotel I found it cold, and so I asked for a fire. I was sitting in a very desponding mood, when suddenly the tears came to my eyes, as if smitten with a great sorrow. I shall never forget the thoughts which stirred my heart. The porter came in to light the fire. He had in his hand a bundle of twigs. I called to him to let me look at it. He was about to push it into the stove as fuel with which to kindle the fire. As I took the bundle into my hand, I found it was made of vine branches - branches that had been cut off now that the pruning time was come. Ah me, I thought, will this be my portion?

Here I am, away from home, unable to bear fruit, as I love to do. Shall I end with this as my portion? Shall I be gathered for the fire? Those vine shoots were parts of a good vine, no doubt - branches that once looked fair and green; but now they were fuel for the flame. They had been cut off and cast off as useless things, and then men gathered them and tied them in bundles, and they were ignobly thrust into the fire.

What a picture! There goes a bundle of ministers into the fire! There is a bundle of elders! There's another bundle of deacons, a bundle of church members, a bundle of Sunday-school teachers! "Men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." Dear brothers and sisters, shall this be the lot of any of us who have named the name of Christ? Our end without Christ will be terrible indeed. First, no fruit; then no life; and at last no place among the saints, no existence in the church of God. Without Christ we do nothing, we are nothing, we are worse than nothing. This is the condition of the heathen now, and it was our own condition once; God forbid that we should find it to be our condition now - "without Christ, having no hope!" **C.H Spurgeon**