Acts 20:13-27

‘BE SHEPHERDS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE BOUGHT WITH HIS OWN BLOOD’ v 28

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Why do you get up in the morning?

What gives you life?

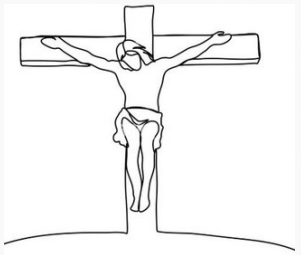
Acts 20:28



Be shepherds...



of the church of God...



which He bought with His own blood.

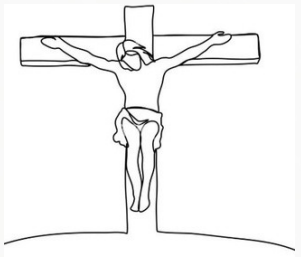
Acts 20:28



Who you are



Who you are in the church



Who you are in Christ

Context

1. Paul knew the church in Ephesus well: he had spent about three years there on his third missionary journey.

2. He was hurrying to reach Jerusalem before Pentecost so wanted to encourage the elders but could not stop for too long.

3. Paul's parting message is the only talk/sermon text in Acts for hearers who are already believers.

Be shepherds



Who you are

1. Paul explains and provides the example of his own ministry (vv18-27)

2. Keep watch over yourselves (v28)

3. And all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers (vv28, 29-31)

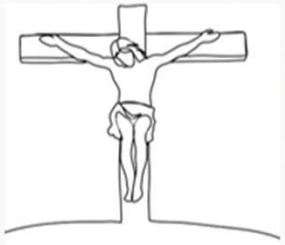
Of the church of God



Who you are in the church

1. Committed to God (v32)
2. Committed to the word of His grace (v32)
3. This word can build you up and give you an inheritance (v32)

Which he bought with his own blood



Who you are in Christ

1. His own blood (v28)
2. Seeing each other in Christ
3. So we are also called to sacrifice (v34-35)

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Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.