

Acts # 83 “From Up roar to Upheaval” *Acts 19:35-20:6; 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11;*

Our objective in the Christian life is the application of biblical truth we know to our circumstances; so if we’re negative or resistant toward the Word of God, we’ll live in the devil’s world under the control of our sin natures.

This is the life of the functioning rebellious believer who constantly chooses to go it alone or live his life his way on his terms.

Our objective in enemy territory is the combining of two areas of reality for the Royal Family of God: Biblical truth applied to the circumstances of life.

The circumstances of life are the reality of our temporal existence and biblical truth is the reality of our relationship with God or our spiritual existence.

Everyone realized the mayor was right and they went home once again proving that Jesus Christ came in the fullness of time;

and with the maximum influence of the Roman Empire, Christianity grew even though certain Roman emperors vehemently persecuted Christians.

Nevertheless and within God’s plan, the Roman Empire stands as a monument to law and order that few nations or empires in history ever matched.

Rome would have taken Ephesus over completely if it had been acting contrary to law because Rome isn’t going to put up with that; Rome will not tolerate mob rule.

Everything must be done through the proper function of law and order and that’s why the mayor said: “As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today” in other words, we have no excuse.

The Royal Family of God has an honor code with two basic concepts: 1) The privacy of the royal priest must be protected; 2) All advance in the spiritual life comes from biblical truth applied.

All legitimate production is the result of spiritual advance and never the means to advancement.

We can do nothing to aid in our advance to maturity,

it’s accomplished for us within the framework of God’s living-grace support.

We accomplish things because we’ve reached a certain stage of spiritual growth but we cannot do anything

to reach that stage of growth except trust God.

Paul’s disciples are serious students and followers of Jesus Christ who’ve assumed the plan of God devoutly; they’re not perfect of course but they display a positive attitude and they’re constantly growing up spiritually as evidenced in their desire to know and live the Word of God daily.

Providing encouragement is similar to financial giving; it’s the building up of the body of Christ with the mind

of Christ by providing principles and promises found in biblical truth.

The spiritual growth of the positive believer creates momentum in the Christian way of life for further execution of the plan of God which makes the mature believer an invisible hero, resulting in his maximum glorification of God.

Running in the proper direction, not even walking and certainly not standing around waiting, expresses a positive response to Church Age mystery doctrine which gives us all the details of the plan and will of God for our lives after salvation until we're called home by Him.

This means learning, believing and applying the mystery doctrine of the Church Age as the sole means of executing the plan of God which results in the creation of invisible heroes and remember: Invisible God plus His invisible assets plus His invisible power equals invisible heroes who glorify God to the max!

Distribution of God's greater-grace blessings in time occurs at spiritual maturity and that's why Paul offers an urgent appeal to us to advance.

But we cannot advance without honor; we must advance under God's honor code, otherwise we'd be distracted and never get to our objective.

And it's so easy to be distracted from the very thing that causes us to advance—biblical truth.

Without humility, there's no objectivity or teachability and we will be miserable, whether believer or unbeliever, successful or not.

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As children, we all formed defense mechanisms to cope with the outside world and the worse the childhood, the more defenses we developed and they are often the only means of surviving childhood for many who struggled intensely.

But, when a child becomes an adult, relying on these same defense mechanisms will destroy a person's soul.

And reaction and blame only creates more problems within the soul.

The sooner we realize that the solution is not to continue being the victim feeling sorry for ourselves and know that what we think now will determine our future, the better off we are.

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