

Sermon Notes

"The Terms of Our Testimony, Part III Trusting in His Sovereign Care"

Acts 23:10-35

1/16/22

1. Are you _____ to testify?
 - a. Do you _____ what testifying to the truths of Christ might _____ for you?
 - b. Do you secretly wish that God would _____ from having to testify in any significant way?
 - c. The truths before us this morning are designed by God to _____ those thoughts and fears.
2. Looking to Paul as our _____ as he engages in this ongoing formal testimony we have seen:
 - a. That our testimony is _____ on testifying to the personal transformation we have experienced through a _____ encounter with the risen Christ.
 - b. That we must be _____ on testifying within proper boundaries:
 - i. Proper _____ Boundaries
 - ii. Proper _____ Boundaries
 - iii. Proper _____ Boundaries
3. This morning we see that our testifying must also be done while _____ fully in God's sovereign _____.
 - a. As we do so we want to look at _____ of this.
 - i. Just _____, "sovereign care of God," that we are to trust in as we testify?
 - ii. What does it _____ for us to actively trust in it?
 - iii. What are the _____ of trusting in the sovereign care of God as we testify?
4. What is this, "_____ of God," that we are to trust in as we testify?
 - a. God is sovereign over (_____ of) all things. (Eph. 1:11, Dan. 4:35, Prov. 16:9)
 - b. God _____ his control of all things to _____ for his own. (Ps. 139:1-17, Rom. 8:28-30)
 - i. He is sovereign over both the _____ plan and every _____ plan. (Mt. 10:26-33)
 - c. Given that at the heart of our recreated _____ in this world is to testify, God has prepared a _____ plan for how he will use the testimony of each believer. (vs. 11, Jn 21:18-22)
 - i. Each call to testify is a _____ appointment.
 - ii. And intended to be a _____ part of his sovereign, unfolding _____.
 - d. Because God is sovereign the plan is _____, and he will provide all that is _____ in order to accomplish it.
 - i. Some possible _____:
 1. How can the plan for my testimony be certain when I am so _____?
 2. How can the plan for my testimony be certain without making me a _____?
 3. How can the plan for my testimony be certain and my choices still be _____?

- a. Divine _____: “Both God and man _____ at the same time so that the Lord’s _____ is fulfilled and our choices are really and truly _____.”
 - i. All past failures his plan has already _____ for.
 - 1. Which includes _____ for the _____.
 - ii. All future _____ he is preparing you for.
 - 1. Through things like _____.

5. What does it look like to _____ trust in it?

- a. It looks like the rest of our 4-part plan for living out the _____ of _____.
 - i. _____ in His Sovereignty.
 - 1. This is the _____, and what we have already covered above.
 - ii. _____ your responsibilities.
 - 1. This refers here to what we _____ in Parts I and II of this series.
 - a. That the foundation of our testimony is the testimony we give of the _____ transformation we have experienced in our _____ encounter with the risen Christ.
 - b. And that all of our testifying needs to be done within _____ boundaries.
 - iii. _____ for opportunities. (vs. 12-16)
 - 1. As we trust the sovereign care of God we know that he will sovereignly bring the _____ that we will _____.
 - a. He does this here for Paul by bringing to him the _____ of this _____.
 - 2. Part of trusting his sovereign care is _____ the opportunities he brings.
 - a. The _____ Man Joke.
 - iv. _____ by faith. (vs. 17)
 - 1. Taking _____ regarding what God has provided.

6. What are the _____ of trusting in this sovereign care of God as we testify?

- a. _____. (vs. 11)
 - i. No matter what happens, as we are faithful, _____.
 - ii. We can begin the _____ as soon as we begin our testimony.
- b. His plan coming _____.
 - i. As we have _____, embracing his divine appointments and all other things he provides, his purposes are _____ to be achieved.
 - ii. This is why we note this morning that our testifying _____ be done while _____ in his sovereign care.

7. There is no reason to _____.

- a. God has _____ for you to testify in specific important ways.
- b. And to share the _____ and _____ with you, his child.

8. So take _____, and go _____ to testify.