

BUILDING WITH THE WORD

Text: Acts 20:32

INTRODUCTION

- The importance of “Building with the Word” in 2024:

I. THE _____ TO BE BUILT UP

- “To build you up” = the outcome Paul desired.
 - “Build up” very closely related to the word “edify”
 - oikodomeo:
 - oikos = _____
 - doma = roof
 - “to build a _____”; thus, “to edify” (Eph. 4:11-16)
 - epoikodomeo:
 - epi = upon
 - “to build up or upon”; used to describe spiritual _____ in the lives of God’s people.
- What does it mean to be built up? To grow up in Christ.
- Who needs to be build up? The _____, every single believer.
 - When you get saved, you get a _____ in Christ, but now the structure of your life needs to be built on that foundation.
- Why the urgency of Paul for these saints to be built up? (vs. 31)
 - The danger = _____ and false teachers (vs. 29-30)
 - The remedy = to _____ the flock of God with the whole counsel of God (vs. 27-28)

II. THE _____ TO BE BUILT UP

- “The Word of His grace”
- God’s building work in our lives is a work of grace, and that grace comes to us through God’s Word.
 - Grace = God’s supernatural _____ working to meet your need.
 - Word = His all-_____ resource to build us up.
- “Able” = dunamai (dynamite) = to have _____, ability, capacity
- Application: The Word of His grace is our sufficient resource (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

III. THE _____ TO BE BUILT UP

- “I commend you...”
 - Commend = put something near someone, to lay it before them, put it into their hands; _____, entrust.
 - Although Paul was leaving, God wasn’t; these believers still had God’s Word, and God would still work to build them up.
 - Along with that encouragement came a _____ to make the most of the resource they had been given (vs. 28).
- Application: Every day, we have the opportunity to be built up with the Word, but will you make the most of what you have been given?
 - Jude 1:20-21: The way to build yourself up on the foundation of your most holy _____ in Christ is to build yourself with the _____ of Christ.
 - And for many of us, one critical component we need to build into the structure of our lives is _____.
 - If there’s one decision you should make at the start of the New Year, it’s to be faithful to God’s Word both in your personal devotional life and in _____.

CONCLUSION

- Let’s make 2024 a year of “Building with the Word”!