



Foundation Scripture: ***Ephesians 5:1***

I. ***Acts 29...***

A. One of the 3 books in the N.T. that does not end in “Amen.”

1. This book...the Book of Acts has not been completed
 - It simply records the “Acts of the Apostles” and the early church...
 - Who is supposed to finish the book? If the early church started it, then the latter church must complete it. (In agreement with the understanding of the First and Latter Rain).
2. Only after the church (the body of Christ, the assembly of God’s saints) completes the book of Acts, will Jesus return (not before).
 - People are always saying, “I am just waiting on God to move...” and the truth is, God is waiting on you!
 - A true follower of God...a true Christian is not focused on his mansion in heaven, but rather his mission on earth.
 - Finish the book: ***Acts 29:1***...what would it say? *“And the church that was at Moody believed God; and many signs and wonders followed the believers, and many souls were added to the church.”*

B. ***Chosen of God – I Peter 2:9-10***

1. True followers of Christ move from being “called” to the table to “chosen” to fellowship with Him.
 - This presents a very important fact: Jesus is in heaven and we are here on this earth...we are His body, He is the head....
 - We, the church, the chosen, the assembly of saints must be about our Father’s business.....but do we even know what His business is?
 - Everyone wants to “see” a move of God, but very few people believe to be the vessel that God works through to begin that move.
2. The enemy has worked tirelessly convincing the church that they are not qualified to do what needs to be done; there is more to this life than just “making it to heaven.”
 - One of the most error-filled prayers that the church has prayed...that we all have been guilty of saying is, ***“Lord, USE Me.”***
 - We should not be praying “use me” but rather, ***“Show Me.”*** (we already know that we are chosen, so we just need to “Know” and “Do”).
3. Think about this: *“You were made in the image of God...”*
 - God created you, unique in design and purpose, to “Image” Him on this earth. God wants to reclaim the world and it is through the instrument of His people that He is able to accomplish this. *“As He is, so are we...”*
 - But there is a problem....since we are in the world, we have the strong possibility of becoming like the world; laws and commandments were given (especially in the O.T.) so God’s people would not become like the

world...this is why I teach a strong message...the truth on how to come out of the system of debt, the system of sickness, the system of selfishness, the system of “trying to fit in”, etc. You might be in this world, but you are not of this world! So start acting different...which can only start by believing different!

- **James 1:27** “Pure Religion...is to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

II. You Can Make a Difference

A. Before you try to talk yourself out of what God has chosen you to do...

1. Look at *Moses*...**Exodus 4:10-12**
2. *Jonah* was chosen by God but tried to flee from his mission...how did that turn out for him?
3. *Jeremiah* expressed his youth and inability to speak effectively when God appointed him as a prophet.
4. *Gideon* was hesitant when God chose him to deliver Israel from the Midianites and asked for multiple signs to confirm that it was God’s voice.
5. Look at the early disciples...fishermen, tax collectors, and one Zealot (Simon), a political group whose goal was to overthrow the Roman government.
6. *Saul of Tarsus*, also known as *Paul*...the persecutor of the early church – **I Corinthians 15:9-10**
7. **Colossians 1:27**

B. What is God looking for? Someone...

1. **Who is Willing and Obedient** (Willing to Know and Do)
2. **Who Loves** (By this shall all men know that you are My disciples..._)
3. **Who has Faith** (**Hebrews 11:6**)
4. **Who is Selfless** (Carries His Cross)
5. **Who Gives With Purpose** – **James 1:27 / Galatians 6:10**
 - Cornelius and Tabitha – Acts 10:4 & Acts 9:36 (Next weeks study)

