

A Year To Build

Acts 14:19-23

December 30, 2007 (CSBC)

INTRO:

1. An exciting time to be a part of this church!
 - a. A church where people love one another
 - b. A church that has known past blessings
 - c. A church in an area where many need to know Christ
2. A time to look ahead with confidence
 - a. A time to expect God's best
 - b. A time to build for the future
3. How should we build?

READ TEXT

I. Let Us Build Through Evangelism (vv.19-21)

- A. Paul stoned and believed dead
 - a. The disciples gather around his body
 - b. He rises and surprises them
 - c. Time for the church to arise and let the world know we are still alive
- B. Paul heads to Derbe to reach souls
 - a. This was his life's purpose (1 Cor. 9:16)
 - b. This is what made him a missionary
 - c. This is why he founded so many churches
- C. Evangelism is the lifeblood to our existence as a church
 - a. Let us bring people to hear the gospel
 - b. Let us take the gospel to the people
 - c. Let us be living messengers of the gospel
 - d. Let us always preach the gospel

II. Let Us Build Through Exhortation (vv.21-22)

- A. To exhort is to encourage
- B. Paul taught those who received the gospel
- C. He encouraged all believers to greater faith
 - a. Let's encourage those who are encouraged
 - b. Let's encourage those who feel like giving up

- c. Let's encourage our own families
 - d. Let's encourage those in leadership
 - e. Let's encourage all who are in the faith
- D. Be encouraged and be an encourager

III. Let Us Build Through Edification (v.23)

- A. To edify is to build up
- B. Some specialize in tearing down
 - a. This year refuse to be apart of the wrecking crew
 - b. Be a builder, not a destroyer
- C. Evidence of Paul building up believers
 - a. Organizing the churches
 - b. Giving responsibilities to leaders
 - c. Praying with and for those he won to Christ

Conc:

- What a great year to build!
- Here are the materials we need: evangelism, exhortation, edification
- Let us rise up and build in 2008!