

Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

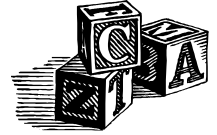
"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "What I Have Learned About Grace, 'Counseling,' and Disappointment"
(Acts 20:17-38.)

Basic Ideas from Acts 20:17-38.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know that God is gracious toward those in whom He has begun a good work and toward those who fail.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose grace as the only right way to respond to personal and corporate failure.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of living under the reign of grace.



Basic Question from Acts 20:17-38.

The questions are basic and perhaps simple, but people should be able to share what they believe about the doctrine of grace and its everyday practice in the handling of life's various expressions.

1. How do you view your failure?
2. How do you view the failure of others?
3. How do you think God views your failure?
4. What should be your response to your failure?
5. What should be your response to the failure of others?

Basic Application from Acts 20:17-38.

1. Because you know the grace of God you need to stop beating yourself up over past and present failure.
2. Because you know the grace of God you need to come alongside those who fail and seek to build them up in the journey to Christ.
3. Because we know the grace of God we need to be a place where grace reigns and hope, healing, and wholeness are freely and openly dispensed.