

Paul Before Agrippa - Part 3

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of living on the solid foundation of God, as opposed to the unreliable foundation of thin ice, and encourages listeners to be witnesses for Christ.

Duration: 9:38

Scripture: Psalm 18:2, Psalm 107:20, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 2:20, 2 Timothy 4:17

Topics: "Christian Witness", "Missionary Work"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of standing on a firm foundation in Christ, contrasting the uncertainty of walking on thin ice with the assurance and support found in Jesus. It highlights the testimony of St. Paul, the forgiveness of sins through Christ, and the historical impact of Christ's birth on societal practices like cannibalism and cruelty. The message calls for believers to be witnesses for Christ in a world plagued by increasing crime and disorder, challenging them to move beyond comfort and engage in true missionary work.

Transcript

When temperatures begin to rise in temperate climates, the thick ice on which cars can not pass, begins to melt and then it becomes so thin, when boys and girls who are used to running out on the ice walk in, they suddenly sink. Thin ice. How long can you be happy walking on thin ice? You can do that all the time.

The next step I may sink under the water. The next moment I may find an icy grave. What a state in which to live.

No. The Lord Jesus Christ never gives you that feeling of being unsupported as on thin ice. The foundation of God, the foundations are sure.

So, our testimony is one with assurance. Come life, come death. We prove it in the face of the grave.

No, it was not a very smooth ride for St. Paul. And this is what he said, 22nd verse, having therefore obtained help of God, I continue to this day, witnessing both to small and great. Yes.

You know my dear friends, this is a very spontaneous thing. The Lord Jesus forgave my sin. He will deliver you too.

No matter what your circumstances. Your entanglements. Your defeats.

He sent his word and healed them. And delivered them from all their destruction. You know the by-products of this testimony are seen even in Indian history and the history of the whole world.

Before Christ, cannibalism was quite extensive. And before the declaration of Christ, many regions of this world were habitations of cruelty. This is a historic fact.

If Christ had never been born, it is an alarming prospect to confront and encounter. Nobody would have fought against Sati. That old habit that prevailed in India, whereby a widow was required to fling herself over onto the body of her dead husband to be consumed in the flames.

No edict would ever have been passed to stop the sacrifice of little children in Ganga Saga, the confluence. Oh my dear friends, we would have spent our days in insecurity, with butchery and bloodshed all around us. If Christ had not been born, this world would have been a wilderness.

Yet today, when the preaching of the word of God goes down, what goes up? Crime goes up. Murders go up. Every kind of disorder and chaos begin to dominate the scene.

So, it is incumbent on us, it is incumbent on us, to be His witnesses. Sometimes I feel very sad. What are we doing? Some deluxe missionary work, sitting in comfortable halls, no fear of stones, landing on top of us, well-lighted places, deluxe missionary work.

You know, some of you are getting used to a kind of deluxe ride. So, you feel that everybody owes you these comforts. See, the fellowship must pay my

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