



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

**Acts 24:22-27 – 25:1-12 ESV**

**Paul Kept in Custody**

<sup>22</sup>But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” <sup>23</sup>Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

<sup>24</sup>After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” <sup>26</sup>At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. <sup>27</sup>When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

**Paul Appeals to Caesar**

**25** Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>2</sup>And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, <sup>3</sup>asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way. <sup>4</sup>Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. <sup>5</sup>“So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

<sup>6</sup>After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup>When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. <sup>8</sup>Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.” <sup>9</sup>But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” <sup>10</sup>But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. <sup>11</sup>If then I am a



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.”<sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

---

**[READ THE TEXT]**

**Pastor – “People of God, this is the Word of God.”  
People – “Thanks be to God.”**

**[PRAY]**

**[INTRO. & BACKGROUND]**

**Illustration** – Ok here’s the scene, picture this, you’re stuck in traffic, and I don’t mean just slow, I mean bumper to bumper, in the heat of summer, inching along on 285, with no sign of what has caused the delay. You have managed to get over to the right lane, it’s taken you 15 minutes to do so, accompanied by name calling and loving hand gestures but you made it. Your down to your last 1/8 of a tank of gas so you have already turned off the air conditioner to save resources. BUT because there is no flow of traffic there is also no breeze, so with the windows open it feels like a hot air dryer blowing in the car! You are getting off no matter what, but the exit is still 2 miles away! So, you become resigned, you believe in the Providence of God, He’s put you into this conundrum, it is for your good, it’s not purgatory, this too shall pass.

Then all of the sudden to your right, a car goes whizzing by on the emergency lane. You look around, there’s no fire, there’s no danger, and then it strikes you like a tidal wave. It’s a belly of emotions and the first is anger. You can’t believe that guy, and instead of thinking he may have had some real emergency, you start making up all kinds of motives, bad ones, as to why he would want to do that. Oh, and God forbid someone follows suite, because then you begin to pray the imprecatory Psalms, you plead for God to rain down His wrath on these law breakers, to avenge His people. Then comes the second emotion, envy, yeah, and you too start to think what if I take on



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

pragmatism, I mean you may run out of gas and then you’re just clogging up the road even more.

You see it would be the **Expedient** thing to do. **Expediency means a way in which one undergoes decision making to justify coming to a certain end.**<sup>1</sup> To be expedient in this situation would suite you, it would suite the need to get gas quicker, it would prevent from causing more traffic. I mean you have already committed to getting off at the next exit to help everyone, **what does it matter just this one time to break the law if it brings about the greater good?** Then of course as if to divinely remind you, a Highway Patrol car goes racing by almost hitting another car for trying to do the same thing that you were just thinking of, while in pursuit of the first car that went speeding by. Then this truth comes to mind, that **just because you thought it was the best decision it didn’t make it the ‘right’ decision**, it didn’t make it the ‘just’ decision, it wasn’t the ‘fair’ decision for everyone else, it ‘elevated’ your importance above everyone else’s. So, for the rest of your two-hour stint on that road to your destination you pray for forgiveness, you take the beating of the hot sun and wind, you begin to quote Psalms of mercy hoping God would increase the gas in your car like the oil in the lamps at Hanukah as you dehydrate like a prune, and you thank the Lord once again for His good grace. 😊

That story illustrates one of the most dangerous traps that Christians fall into all the time, and that is **FORGETTING/IGNORNIIG** just **because it is a good thing, doesn’t mean it’s the right thing** to do. We fall into that all the time and what compounds that temptation is when you and I realize that our rulers embrace the opposite. The majority of people in our society in positions of leadership operate out of expediency and advantageous relationships **not** the principal do the ‘right thing’ no matter what.

Then in the name of God we cry out like Peter, **I must obey God rather than man**, ([Acts 5:29](#)) and we make allowances for why we break the rules when they break the rules. That story in Acts is not to be used like a *get out of jail* card every time we become inconvenienced by our leaders inclinations towards pragmatism. Most the time God puts us in positions to be good

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/expediency>



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

citizens in public so we can bring Him glory so that people see that God does things in an orderly fashion using the laws that He allowed those rulers to create.

**[GOSPEL]**

Christ didn't fast track the plan to save us or else the plan would have been dead in the desert. He didn't go to the Sanhedrin and was like, "Do you want me to get rid of those nasty Romans?" and neither did He go to the Romans and was like, "Do you want me to put them in their place?" No, the path to save us would require for Him to endure, trust the plan of the Father, put down His rights to be revered, to give of Himself as an atoning sacrifice, and put faith in God that it would bring Him glory, all the while winning the affections of His people. While all at the same time Jesus knew exactly when not to let His people try to take Him by force, so He was very aware of when to act and when not to.

**[CHALLENGE]**

So, for us the question we must deal with is will we put too much faith and stock in our rulers to do right for us, or will we put the proper faith in our Lord who has bested this world and did it perfectly? You see when you put too much trust in your rulers you will most likely always make concessions for your behavior because they can't make you happy. But when you put your trust in God, the Lord's reign over you, you will feel less inclined to act expediently, because you trust Him.

Now, today we will witness in Paul's life the continuance of his trial, how yes rulers act with expediency not with justice to get things done, and in contrast to this we will see the confidence and patience we are to act with them. Yes, I know it is another trial story, but hey you should be used to that too, I mean we are literally getting a dose of it every day. More importantly what I want you to keep in mind is how valuable all of God's Word is because when you stick to the text and teach in exposition form you are going to get much more than just felt needs. It is stories like this today that will challenge you to think about the dangers of falling into pragmatism and reveals where that comes from. That lesson has application for all your life choices.



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

Today we have two different instances and in both you will see where rulers failed to act justly on the behalf of Paul, because they were more concerned with being expedient, pursuing advantageous relationships for political favors, rather than giving this Roman citizen justice. In stark contrast Paul didn't rush the process, he just sat on 285 there in Caesarea and waited for the perfect off ramp to get him to Rome. So, if we must sum it up, I will say it like this.

**MP**

**Political Expediency “Trumps” Objective Judgements.  
While faith in Christ always yields the right results.**

**1. Playing the Advantageous Game decreases the ability to be convicted by the Holy Spirit (24:22-27)**

**Paul Kept in Custody**

<sup>22</sup>But Felix, having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, put them off, saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” <sup>23</sup>Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

Felix puts Paul up in his Herodian B&B and gives Paul the ability to have friends visit. All his friends, most likely the church in Caesarea, are allowed to bring him food, medicines, clothing, and of course writing materials so that Paul is not inconvenienced while he is detained. Luke also states for us that he is already familiar with the “Way” before the Sanhedrin ever brought it up. It seems like he already knows that he is not going to do anything considering the accusations against Paul and gives the Sanhedrin the excuse that he is waiting on Lysias to give a report, which you and I already know he has done in form of a letter. Most likely this visit will give Felix the time to explain to Lysias his decision and to tell him to ignore and placate the Jews in Jerusalem when they ask about it.

Now how does Felix know about the ‘Way’ already?

<sup>24</sup>After some days Felix came with his wife **Drusilla**, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus.



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

Drusilla was Jewish (through marriage and Edomite ancestry) but she was also the daughter of Herod I, making her the great granddaughter of Herod the Great. Her family lineage says a lot about this young woman and why she would have first-hand knowledge of Christianity. Her great grand dad was famous for his bitter resentment of a Messiah and had murdered a great number of babies in Bethlehem after Jesus was born. He was notorious for being fearful of losing his throne and on several occasions killed more than one wife and several children because he thought they were out to get him. His boys shared the reign in the middle east under the protection and provision of Rome, and while he identified as Jewish, he did not follow any laws.

We saw that in his son Herod Antipas who JB got on his case for stealing his brother’s wife. This family is no stranger to political expediency and lack of morality, in their way of thinking if it helps you retain power you do it. Herod the great’s grandson, Herod I, was Drusilla’s dad who would be aware of the beginnings of Christianity in Jerusalem. He saw the death of Stephen, was aware of Peter’s jailing and had ordered the death of James, John’s brother. He was highly upset at the escape of Peter in Acts 12 then in [Acts 12:20-23](#) we see him die a tragic death in Caesarea upon his expiring and out of him burst worms. That was Drusilla’s dad.

Drusilla, had been promised to another ruler who wouldn’t accept Judaism, so she then married Azizus, king of Emeza (Syria), between 14-16 years of age. The historian Josephus implies she wasn’t happy and when Felix met here in Caesarea got a sorcerer named Simon, should sound familiar and may even be the same guy from the beginning of Acts ([Acts 8:9-24](#)) to help in convincing her to leave her husband and become Felix’s third wife. This is the power couple that meets Paul for an explanation about the Gospel. They have lived their whole lives pursuing political power by advantageous means, by making decisions based on gaining power and position, living to fill their lustful desires, and in their eyes, their world has worked out pretty well.

<sup>25</sup> And as he reasoned about **righteousness** and **self-control** and the **coming judgment**, ...



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

Paul now having a private audience with these two decides not to play politics nor the advantageous flattery game, but He rests in Christ alone, His providence, and he lets this power couple have it, in love.

**First, he talks about righteousness**, and we know what Paul thinks about righteousness.

**Romans 3:21-24 ESV**

<sup>21</sup>But now the **righteousness** of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the **righteousness** of God **through faith in Jesus Christ** for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Felix, you have no righteousness because righteousness does not mean that you did things right to get ahead. Righteousness is defined by God as having to be something given by God, through Jesus as a sign of one being redeemed.

**Then he talks about self-control.**

**Galatians 5:22-23 ESV**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, **self-control**; against such things there is no law. So, Felix self-control is the evidence of having been redeemed by Christ, the giving into desires shows you are lost.

**The he talks about the coming judgement.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Felix this is something that must be addressed for just as much as you are fearful having to stand in front of Caesar to give an account of how you governed, you should be more afraid of He who can cast you into Hell.

Paul is a great reminder that when you have a captive audience and when you understand your audience well and when your audience has shown an interest in hearing you speak, you let them know the FULL TRUTH of the Gospel, not just *Jesus loves me this I know*.



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

**Then here’s the reaction** to such a strong message from Paul.

<sup>25</sup>... Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” <sup>26</sup>At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. <sup>27</sup>When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

Felix got scared, he got worried, but he was not converted. He pushed off on Paul, He put space between him and Paul, but then we still see that he summoned him frequently, but then it became a game of I listen to you preach Paul and you give me some coin to get you out. It seems Felix remembers that Paul had said he collected an offering for the church in Jerusalem. Felix was willing to turn his friendship with Paul into a **political game of you scratch my back and I will scratch yours** – that’s an advantageous or an expedient relationship.

And here’s what I want us all to take away from this exchange this morning and these might seem simple and straightforward but in light of our text I have a captive audience, I too believe in the Providence of God, you are here because you want to be here and are at least a little interested in what I am saying, so I will shoot from the hip just like Paul did.

**[CHALLENGE]**

- Don’t worry so much about what the world can do to you but be more concerned about your allegiance to Christ.

**Matthew 10:28-33 ESV**

<sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.





**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

Expedient decision making on our part gets us chasing all the ‘likes’ and accolades of those around us but please know the more we desire people to like us the more people will think you have to like them back. The day you get too worried about losing a friend over sharing with them the Gospel, you will know you are more concerned about their approval and the HS conviction is stifled a little in your life.

- Don’t worry so much about money and how to make it but worry more about heavenly treasure.

**Matthew 6:19-21 ESV**

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Making earthly treasure is more about you than Christ. You will know you have a problem with that if you are always holding back on giving to Kingdom ventures now. Don’t depend on how much you have in the bank, that’s the wrong bank to be concerned with. Instead, can you give a good account to God for how you are putting the money to good use now in His Kingdom? Always making those compromising/expedient decisions about how you spend money on present emergencies and needs again deadens us to sensing the convictions in our hearts by the HS.

- Don’t worry so much on the on the trivial matters but worry first over the Kingdom of God.

**Matthew 6:31-33 ESV**

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

If you spend time worrying over the Kingdom of God first, the principle is all that you do, who you make friends with, how you spend your money, you don’t have to worry about are you missing the mark. Increasing God’s presence in your home by how you live, increasing God’s presence in your community by your engagement in your church, all of that will get you off the merry-go-round



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

of expedient decision making. You will eventually stop making decisions based on needs/desires and you will start making decisions based on God’s wants, and in that He will always provide for you what you need. The wants in your life are driven away by the love for living in God’s Kingdom.

**MP reworded - Be cautious in your life for the desire to have things right now, that expedient lifestyle has the power to trump your objective thought about this world but instead put your faith in Christ and it will always yield the right results.**

**2. Playing the Advantageous game decreases the ability to do the right thing. (25:1-12)**

When we get to chapter 12 Festus is the new guy in town no doubt, he has been filled in by his cohorts on how the Jews function, but it will be up to him to make friends among these hard to please people. He makes the smart political move and even before settling down in Caesarea he makes his presence known in Jerusalem. He’s no political dummy, he wants to be a man of the people, which would be in stark contrast to Felix. You see the reason there is no more Felix is just prior to this Felix had squelched a riot in Caesarea between the Jews and Samaritans and taking sides he decided to let the Jews have it and ended up murdering a good number of them.<sup>2</sup> Festus has a great opportunity to befriend the Jews to look like he’s on their side, so he visits them and has an audience with the Sanhedrin.

In our story today you saw that they made the same request of him as they did of Felix, bring Paul to Jerusalem, so that they can jump him and kill him. Now Festus doesn’t know that part yet so to stay in within the law and to show his power he asks the Sanhedrin to come to Caesarea no doubt to impress and entertain them, perhaps trying to figure out how he can give them Paul. Right, expedient decision making, I scratch your back and you scratch mine, Paul is seen as a political chess piece to be used as a steppingstone for Festus. They come and he quickly orchestrates this trial, but Festus has to agree with Paul there is no grounds of arrest, but Festus is still willing to try and deliver him unto the Sanhedrin to do them a favor.

---

<sup>2</sup> [https://lexundria.com/j\\_aj/20.162-179/wst](https://lexundria.com/j_aj/20.162-179/wst)



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

<sup>9</sup>But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” <sup>10</sup>But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. <sup>11</sup>If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.” <sup>12</sup>Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

Festus thought he could gain the favor of both parties, I will befriend Paul, I will go with him to Jerusalem as his connection to Rome, and there we can find an equitable settlement. We can play the politically correct option. But Paul decides he will have none of that, and he puts the game into **‘check’**. He states for Festus, *hey buddy you’re going to have to kill me if you think I am guilty, right now, but to Jerusalem I will not go! What I will do is give you the only choice you have, you must send me to Rome.*

Now two things here, you may be wondering why in the world does Paul want to go to Rome under the diabolical rule of Nero, the guy known for his nasty disposition towards Christians, and how can he just demand an audience with the supreme leader and get it. Well first, between 54-59 AD it was known as a mini golden age in Rome for Nero was still under the influence Afranius Burrus head of the Praetorian Guard and of Seneca the Younger the Stoic Philosopher who kept him in check for a while. Secondly the right of appeal **‘prouocatio’** had been initiated almost 500 years before, during the birth of Rome, this to ensure that all citizens could receive a fair trial by a higher court. Since this disagreement could not be resolved by governors then there is only one place to go. By Paul’s appeal he has put this game into ‘check’ by God’s providence and now Festus must make the only play he can. God has used the advantageous behavior of Festus to send Paul where Christ already determined where he must go ([Acts 23:11](#)).

What we have is an example of when you play the advantageous game, trying to always do things expediently, just trying to work for the win for all sides or that which works best for you, and you are trying to be politically correct you



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

will dampen your ability to do the right thing. The right thing was to set the record straight with Paul in front of his accusers. On the reverse side if you remain strong and put your trust in Christ, God will lead you into situations where you can force the move that God wants anyway.

**[CHALLENGE]**

This week thousands of churches will send delegates to the annual SBC convention in Indie. On the docket this week, the voting on passing amendment 19 which in essence states that not only do SBC churches but SBC friendly churches that associate with the SBC must maintain and adhere to the minimum standards put forth in the BFM 2000 which states the office of Pastor shall not be held by women ([1 Timothy 3:2](#); [1 Timothy 2:12-13](#)). This week it is important to pray for God’s intervention because this is not an argument over preferences but a statement over whether the majority in the SBC want to be identified as Biblicists, as in do we as a network of churches want to be seen as people that really believe and obey what the Bible teaches.

**This vote next week is a response to leadership over the last 5 years that have been more engaged in building the wrong relationships for political gain and money, the SBC has been ravaged by men on committees making expedient/advantageous decisions, and now it has torn the unity apart in the SBC.**

That’s ok because God is constantly reforming the church, He uses the disillusionment of men, again to sharpen the edge of the church, so that the Gospel may keep its’ edge.

Family, let me ask you again, are you making concessions in this life, are you more worried about gaining favors in this world, being friendly with those that love not Christ, are you worried about being seen as not loving, all the while you watch world slander God’s name?

Dwight L. Moody once said, *“Christians should live in the world, but not be filled with it. A ship lives in the water; but if the water gets into the ship, she goes to the bottom. So, Christians may live in the world; but if the world gets into them, they sink.”* Family let us be more concerned about making decisions for Christ



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

contrary to the favors offered us by the world if we side with them, for only in Christ can we remain above the waves. Let’s remember this.

**MP**

**Political Expediency “Trumps” Objective Judgements.  
While faith in Christ always yields the right results.**

**[PRAYER]**

**[CALL TO OBEY]**

Deuteronomy 11:1 reminds the people of God that He is great, He overcomes the world, and that we "shall therefore love the Lord our God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always."

Family I call us to be people who choose to be people that put faith in Christ first above our worldly relationships.

**Elder – Read**

**[COMMUNION]**

**[CONFESSION OF FAITH]**

\* The Congregation will stand

**Elder – “Christians, what do you believe?”**

**Congregation – LBCF 1689 Chapter 32 Section 1  
The Day of Judgment**

God has appointed a day when he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. 1 Jesus is given all power and judgment by the Father. On this day, not only will the apostate angels be judged, 2 but all all people who have ever lived on the earth will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give



**Acts – Can I get a Witness?  
Wk. 82 “The Dangers of Denial”  
By Pastor Jody May 06/09/2024**

---

an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds. They will receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil. 3

1. Acts 17:31; John 5:22, 27
2. 1 Corinthians 6:3; Jude 6
3. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10, 12; Matthew 25:32-46

**[OFFERING+LAST SONG] –**

**[BENEDICTION]**

Go in the name of the Father, that has provided for us in His Son, a person in whom we can put all trust in, not having to worry about earthly advantageous relationships.

Go in the name of the Son, that always chose the right over the expedient, earning our Salvation.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, that emboldens us to rest on Christ alone for our needs, and helps us proclaim to this world it is in Him alone we rely on.