

Warnings to a Local Church

- Acts 20:28-32 -

- A. Do you pay attention to warnings before something actually happens?
- B. The church at Ephesus is warned, *“Take heed... Watch ye...”* (v.28,31). Although the church at Ephesus or the church at Skyview is doing well, the devil is out to destroy every church.
- C. Be warned by the thoughts of **1 Peter 5:8**.
- D. Our defense is **Jas 4:7** says *“Be subject therefore unto _____ but resist the _____...”*
- E. Have we done everything to stand? Will this church be here 10, 20, or 30 years from now? Our responsibility to a local church is heed the warnings - not consider them lightly...
- F. Note four churches in _____. Each church received a commendation, condemnation, command, and consequences...

1. _____ - **“Don’t you love me anymore?”** - Rev 2:1-7

- A. This church is given high marks (v.2,3). They worked hard hating sin and demanded purity in doctrine...
- B. Their condemnation in v.4 – *“Thou did leave thy first love”*
- C. Similar to the prophecy of Jerusalem’s destruction (Mt 24:12)
- D. Their command to remember, repent, and renew (v.5).

2. _____ - **“Living among evil”** (Rev 2:12-17)

- A. The Christians dwell where Satan lives (v.13), but they are commended for *“thou holdest fast my name”*...
- B. Note the condemnation in v.14,15... Compromising
- C. They are commanded to repent (v.16). They needed to maintain high standards of the name of Jesus Christ.
- D. Stand for truth regardless if other members give up their hope.

3. _____ - **“When sin stays too long”** (Rev 2:18-29)

- A. *“thy last works were more than the first”* (v.19)
- B. Their condemnation (v.20,21)... They needed love, but they needed to exercise discipline...
Note Acts 20:28-30; 1 Cor 5
- C. They were already warned to (v.21). They refuse. Therefore, the consequences were v.22,23). Watch yourself (1 Tim 4:16)
- D. *“...Judgment begins at the house of God...”* (1 Pet 4:17)

4. _____ - **“The night of the living dead”** (Rev 3:1-6)

- A. This was a church that played church.. They had *“a name”* v.1
- B. They did not defile the name, but they were *“dead”* (v.1).
- C. They have a form, but no spirit. Prayers, but no heart. Truthful preaching, but void of practice...
- D. They are commanded to **“Watch”**. Wake (Eph 5:14).
- E. They are commanded to **strengthen what good remains** and **remember how you received the word**. Do what you ought to do (Jas 4:17). Hold fast to that (Heb 10:32)...
- F. Do we stand before God dead, lazy, or indifferent?
- G. Do any of these warnings apply to you?