

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Christianity Versus Idolatry"
Acts 19:23-41
Study-36

Acts 19 – The Greatness of God is on display in the city of Ephesus. Acts 19:18

Luke describes the collision of "Christianity Versus Idolatry"

Ephesians 5:5-6

Colossians 3:5

1 John 5:21

Ezekiel 14:3

Idolatry – "is anything claiming the loyalty of our hearts that properly belongs to God alone."

1st & 2nd Commandments: Exodus 20:3-3

Martin Luther said regarding Idolatry, "We easily fall into, for we are inclined to it by nature."

1. Verses 23-24 – The Leader

2. Verses 25-27 – The Cause

3. Verses 28-34 – The Course

4. Verses 35-41 – The Intervention

1. Verses 23-24 – The Leader:

Acts 19:23

Acts 19:9-10

Acts 20:31

Acts 19:19-20

Things Going So Well, Paul Makes Plans To Move On – Acts 19:21-22

1 Corinthians 15:32

Acts 19:24

Artemis – the name of a Grecian goddess or in Latin, Diana; The goddess of fertility.

2. Verses 25-27 – The Cause:

Acts 19:25

Acts 19:18

2nd Commandment Exodus 20:4

The Catholic Church has taken away The 2nd Commandment! (Making A Graven Image); Then takes the 10th Commandment and divides it into 2 Commandments. Exodus 20:17

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

Col 3:5 – greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Matthew 6:24

Acts 19:26

Psalms 119:130

Acts 19:27

Financial Loss: “danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute,”

He Appeals to Their Civic Pride: “but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis be regarded as worthless”

The Argument Based Upon Numbers:

Acts 17:25

3. Verses 28-34 – The Course:

Acts 19:28-29

“theater,” – Amphitheater was 24,000 seats. It was connected to the harbor.

Acts 19:30-34

Defense By Emotion: "as they shouted for about two hours,"

Proverbs 16:25

1 Kings 18:26-29

4. Verses 35-41 – The Intervention:

Acts 19:35-36

"Since then these are undeniable facts, Really!"

Acts 19:37

What had taken place? The Gospel had transformed the lives of the citizens.

Acts 19:38-41

Application:

1. Idolatry – "is anything claiming the loyalty of our hearts that properly belongs to God alone?"
2. Truth Is Not To Be Determined By The Number of People
3. Truth Is Not To Be Determined By Emotion
4. There Is Absolute, Knowable, Unchanging Truth – The Scriptures
5. What Idol or Idol's Have Taken God's Place in Our Life?
6. Is Our Life a Threat to The World of Idolatry?