

The Spending of the Christian

Scripture: Acts 21:10-14
2 Timothy 4:6

Introduction

An Apollo-Saturn rocket is a unique piece of equipment. It has a life expectancy of one mission. When its fuel is exhausted, the booster breaks up and is consumed in its fiery plunge earthward.

Spend means "to consume by using". God wants to spend the Christian. "Only one life, it will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."

I. Paul had been purchased; he was a love slave

1 Corinthians 6:20a For ye are bought with a price

1 Peter 1: 18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver or gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ....

- A. There was a price on your head
 - 1. You sold yourself to sin
 - 2. Satan was your master
- B. You were purchased by Christ

II. Paul caught a glimpse of the Master Plan

Galatians 1:15-16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

- A. His life was to be consumed by using
- B. There could be nothing kept in reserve
- C. There is a cause for the Christian
- D. It is the cause, not the Christian, that matters

III. Paul had made a total commitment

Acts 21:13 ...for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die....

- A. Example:
The hen suggesting to the hog that they give the farmer ham and eggs for breakfast.
- B. Total commitment is for every Christian
- C. A "living sacrifice" is the call for every Christian
Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice....

IV. Paul was willing to trust God

Acts 27:25 Wherefore sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

- A. He was willing to place himself in God's hands
- B. He was persuaded that God was able to keep the things that he had committed to him

Conclusion

Have you discovered that you don't really trust God?

Have you concluded that your life is your own?

Have you decided that "total commitment" is for someone else?

Are you willing to be spent?