

How to have the church prosper

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Introduction

1. Acts 9:31
2. Within this chapter we find Paul transitions from persecutor to persecuted.
3. During this time of transition we find that the church had rest, but it also multiplied or grew
4. This rest does not mean that the church was inactive
5. The church today needs to follow this course of action
6. Let us discuss this course of action

II Discussion

1. The church was edified.
 1. The word "edified" means to build up.
 2. The word is used in 1 Peter 2:5
 3. If we are to be part of the building up, where do we need to be? 1 Corinthians 3:9-14
 4. How do we feel about some one who does not finish a house Luke 14:28-30
 5. The church is to be built up Ephesians 4:12 - 16
2. The church was walking in the fear of the Lord.
 1. The Greek word is "phobos" the meaning is "an attitude of respect or reverence, of holy awe."
 1. This is the beginning of wisdom Psalm 111:10
 2. Is should be forever Psalm 19:9
 3. It needs to be the right kind of fear 1 John 4:18; Matthew 10:28
 2. And in comfort of the Holy Ghost
 1. The Holy Ghost was sent as a comforter John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13
 2. He comforts through the Word 1 Thessalonians 4:18
3. The church multiplied during this time.
 1. Some will produce more than others Matthew 13:23
 2. We need to be doing our part in going into Gray Mark 16:15-16
 3. We need to be teaching all that we can Luke 8:5; Matthew 25:15

III Conclusion

1. The church had rest but it worked at what she was to do.
2. We need to be doing the same thing today, working!
3. We are to work out our own salvation Philippians 2:12

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