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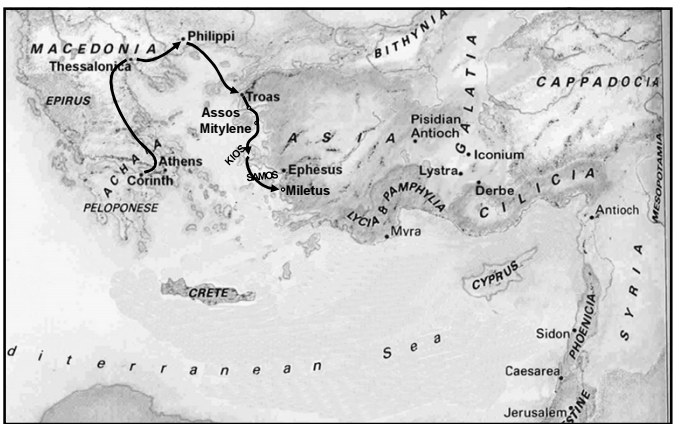
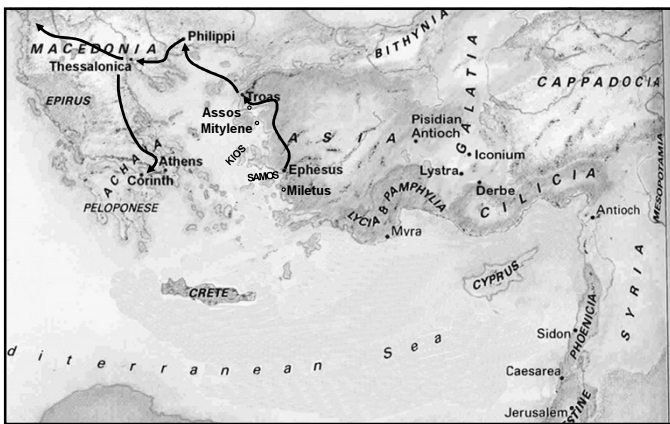
The Continuing Work of Jesus



The Reformed Pastor (1656)



Richard Baxter (1615-1691)



*Shepherd the Flock

Acts 20:17-38 (pt. 1)

- ## Paul's Example of Shepherding
- Paul's Life
 - not arrogant, abusive or entitled
 - genuine love and intense concern for people
 - endured hardship and great personal costs

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you,...

²shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

Paul's Example of Shepherding

2. Paul's Teaching

- he did not withhold any portion of the truth
- he taught publicly and personally
- the center of his proclamation was the gospel

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3. Paul's Perspective

- he did not count his life as the most valuable thing in this life
- he considered faithfulness to Christ as more valuable than life

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⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

(2 Timothy 4:7-8)