Commonly Overlooked Passage Parts
Acts 20:27

Introduction:
A. It is important to have “all the counsel” of God.
B. It is easy to focus so much on some parts of a passage that you overlook other important part.
C. We want to look at a few passages where parts are often overlooked.

Discussion:
I. The “Baptized” Part of Acts 16:30-34.
A. Focus usually on “believe” part (v. 31).
B. Must not overlook verses (32-34).
   1. Word spoken so they could believe (v. 32; cf. Rom. 10:17).
   2. Washed stripes — a fruit of repentance.
   3. Baptized “straightway” — same hour shows urgency.
II. The “Divorce” Part of Matt. 19:3-9.
A. Focus usually on sin of remarriage (v. 9).
   1. Commonly believed that divorce not sinful unless remarry.
   2. Think one can divorce for any cause, but remarry only for one cause?
B. Must not overlook the divorce “for every cause” part (vv. 3-6).
   1. Divorce for any cause other than fornication unlawful -- thus a sin!
   2. Remarriage adds sin to sin and gets on deeper in sin — specifically adultery.
III. The “Busybody” Part of 1 Pet. 4:15.
A. No problem focusing on murderer, thief and evildoer.
B. Must not forget about the “busybody.”
   1. Allotrioepiskopos — Allotrios (belonging to another) episkopos (overseer).
   2. A self-appointed overseers of another’s business -- meddler (ASV; cf. 1 Thess. 4:11: Prov 26:17; John 21:21,22)
   3. A sin often associated with idleness (2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim.5:13).
C. Other extreme is total non-involvement — even when physical or spiritual safety is at stake.
IV. The “Doctrine” Part of Rom. 16:17.
A. Focus heavily on not causing division — great!
B. Must not forget the “contrary to doctrine” clause.
   1. There is one thing worse that division (cf. Acts 18:12;19:29).
   2. Let’s face it: standing for truth sometimes forces a division.
V. The “Justifieth” Part in Prov. 17:15.
A. Hear a lot about the danger of condemning the just.
B. Hear very little about justifying the wicked.
   1. One can admit guilt and some will find a way to justify him.
   2. Once heard: One could kill his mother is broad day light and someone defend him saying she out to be killed.
   3. Which is worse? — both alike are an abomination.

Conclusion:
A. We must balance it all out and not overlook any part.
B. Let us “declare all the counsel of God.”