

## “Falling Out of Church”

### Acts 20:7-12

- I. Fall because of neglect.
  - A. **Matthew 18:6** Offending “these little ones”.
  - B. “The little ones here referred to who believe in Christ, are not simply those who are young in years, but little children in Christ. There is a warning contained in these words lest we shall selfishly neglect or hold in contempt our weaker brethren, lest we shall be unforgiving and exacting and judge and condemn others, and thus discourage them.” *Volume 5 of S.D.A. Bible Commentary, page 1096*
  - C. **2 Corinthians 5:15** We should not live just for ourselves.
  - D. **1 Peter 2:2** The milk of the Word.
  - E. The solution: **Acts 20: 10** “Went down”.
- II. Fall because they don’t feel that they belong.
  - A. **Matthew 9:13** Jesus came to call sinners.
  - B. **Philippians 3:8-15** Pressing toward the mark.
  - C. The solution: **Acts 20:10** “Fell on him”  
(**2 Kings 4:34** : “warmed him up”).
- III. Fall because the church has caught “hurry sickness”.
  - A. **Hebrews 10:23-25** Provoking unto love and good works.
  - B. **2 Corinthians 1:3-5** The cycle of comfort.
  - C. The solution: **Acts 20:10** “Embraced him”.
- IV. Fall because church is boring and not meeting the basic need.
  - A. **1 Corinthians 2:1&2** Only Jesus.
  - B. **Romans 1:16** The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
  - C. **Acts 4:13** The power of a changed life.