

**Living Water Part 39**  
**Acts 19:21-41**

**The Title Of The Message: “When The Enemy Rises”**

**The Key Word: Confused**

**The Thought: When Christians rely on the Lord, Satan tries to discourage the believer through troubles, confusion and unreasonableness.**

**The Breakdown:**

**Verses 21-27 Trouble And The Enemy...**

**Verses 28-32 Confusion And The Enemy...**

**Verses 32-41 Unreasonable Thinking And The Enemy...**

**Verses 21-27 Trouble And The Enemy...**

**Acts 19:21-22**

**Philippians 3:13–14**

**When these things were accomplished...**

**Ephesians 4:11–15**

**Paul purposed in the Spirit...**

**James 4:13–15**

**“Purposed” = “Appointed or Ordained”**

**Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—**

**Timothy and Erastus...**

**An archeologist in 1929 discovered a piece of pavement in the ruins of Corinth with an inscription that says Erastus in return for his (E-dile-ship) Aedileship laid this pavement at his own expense.**

**Acts 19:23-27**

**And about that time...**

**“The Way.”**

**1 Timothy 6:10 (NKJV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

**Enter Demetrius, president of Silversmith Local 666, and, thanks to him, persecution! -R. Kent Hughes**

**Verses 28-32 Confusion And The Enemy...**

**Acts 19:28**

**Now when they heard this...**

**Matthew 5:11 (NKJV) “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.**

**Acts 19:29-31**

**So the whole city was filled with confusion...**

**Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**And when Paul wanted to go in...**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

**Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.**

**“Perfect Peace” = “Shalom Shalom” = “God will keep us in double peace”**

**Acts 19:32**

**Psalm 35:26 (NKJV) Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.**

**Verses 33-41 Unreasonable Thinking And The Enemy...**

**Acts 19:33-34**

**And they drew Alexander...**

**Acts 19:35-37**

**And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd...**

**Genesis 50:20**

**Romans 8:28 (NKJV) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

**Acts 19:38-41**

**Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen...**

**2 Timothy 4:18 (NKJV) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!**

**Application:**

- 1. When the Lord works in the new life, he forces the old life out.**
- 2. The enemy tries to keep us from depending on Jesus, by trying to confuse us.**
- 3. We can confident that God is working in the background, all we have to do is stand our ground.**