

Gospel Advances Farther into the Gentile Pagan World (Acts 17:1-15)

Acts 16:6-40 Salvation's great mystery in God's sovereign purpose

The Plan, Purpose and Choice and the power of God

- a. The salvation of Lydia (16:14-18)
- b. Deliverance of the demon possessed girl (16:16-19)
- c. Philippian jailers' conversion (16:25-34)

I. Paul and Silas in Thessalonica (17:1-9)

A. The faithfulness of the missionaries (17:1-3)

- i) Paul always *began with the Scriptures*
- ii) Paul *reasoned from the Scriptures*
- iii) Paul *preached Christ from the Scriptures*

B. Fruits of the missionaries: sound church plant & persecution (17:4-9)

Jews & Gentiles believed & joined Paul & Silas (17:4) then persecution...

- i) The assault on Jason (17:5) dragged him from his house
- ii) Jason is arrested (17:6a)
- iii) The mob make accusation against Jason (17:6b-9)
 - i. Paul & Silas charged as troublemakers (6b-7a)
 - ii. Paul & Silas charged with treason (7b-9)

II. Paul and Silas in Berea (17:10-15)

A. The Bereans' openness to God's Word (17:10-12)

- i. The Bereans *searched* the Scriptures (10-11)
- ii. The Bereans *received* the Scriptures *with all readiness* (12)

B. The Jews stir up opposition to the Gospel and the Word (13-15)