

## PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY: THE BIRTH OF THE THESSALONIAN & BEREAN CHURCHES (Acts 17:1-15)

- I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)
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  - A. The FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul & Barnabas (13-14)
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  - C. The SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY of Paul (15:36-18:22)
    - 1. From Antioch to Philippi (15:36-16:9)
    - 2. The Birth of the Church at Philippi (16:10-40)
    - 3. The Birth of the Church at Thessalonica (17:1-10)

### a. Paul's Gospel to the Thessalonians (17:1-3)

- 1) Paul and his missionary team traveled from Philippi to the \_\_\_\_\_ city of Thessalonica, which was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the region of Macedonia and very loyal to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1).
- 2) Though Paul reasoned with the Jews in the synagogue for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2), he was probably in Thessalonica for about \_\_\_\_\_.

Date	Passage	City/Event
Aug-Oct 50	Acts 16:12-40	Philippi
Nov 50-Jan 51	Acts 17:1-10a	Thessalonica
Feb 51	Acts 17:10b-15	Berea
Feb-Mar 51	Acts 17:16-34	Athens
Mar 51	Acts 18:1-4	Paul Arrives in Corinth
Apr-May 51	Acts 18:5	Silas, Timothy to Corinth
Early summer 51	1 Thessalonians	1 Thessalonians Written
Summer 51	2 Thessalonians	2 Thessalonians Written
Sept 52	Acts 18:11, 18	Paul Departs from Corinth

- 3) Paul's method of evangelism included using the \_\_\_\_\_ as the basis to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ. (vv. 2-3)
- 4) Paul's message focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ as the \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 3)
  - What does "the Christ" mean?
  - What two acts of Jesus Christ did Paul emphasize in his evangelism?
  - What does all of this imply about the content of the gospel for salvation?

## **b. The Thessalonians' Response to the Gospel (17:4-10a)**

1) A \_\_\_\_\_ of God-fearing Gentiles in Thessalonica responded positively and were \_\_\_\_\_ by the gospel of Jesus as "the Christ." (v. 4)

- *How does 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10 clarify the response to the gospel?*

2) Negatively, those Jews who were \_\_\_\_\_ formed a mob and violently attacked the believers, \_\_\_\_\_ them of upsetting \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ against the emperor. (vv. 5-10)

- *Who else was similarly accused and what can we learn from this?*
- *What practical lessons related to this event can we learn from 1-2 Thessalonians?*

## **4. The Birth of the Church at Berea (17:10b-15)**

### **a. Ready Reception by the Believing Bereans (17:10b-12)**

1) The church at Berea began with \_\_\_\_\_ Jews and God-fearing Gentiles who \_\_\_\_\_ the word/gospel Paul preached and \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures to confirm its truthfulness. (vv. 10b-11)

- *What does this passage imply about authority in the church?*

2) At Berea, \_\_\_\_\_ Jews and God-fearing Gentiles \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. (v. 12)

### **b. More Opposition from Unbelievers (17:13-15)**

1) Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the believers of Berea sent Paul away to the sea for his own safety. (vv. 13-14a)

2) The missionary team temporarily \_\_\_\_\_ for safety's sake, with Paul going to \_\_\_\_\_ alone and joined later by Silas and Timothy. (vv. 14b-15)

- *What can we as a church learn from all this?*