

# Acts of the Holy Spirit

## Chapter 15

- The apostles dealt with the question of whether Gentile believers must be circumcised and obey the whole Mosaic Law. A compromise is reached: they must abstain from sexual immorality, meat offered to idols, meat with blood, and meat from strangled animals.
- Paul and Barnabas return to visit the churches they formed on the First Missionary Journey; dispute over John Mark leads to them dividing: Barnabas and John Mark, and Paul and Silas.

## Chapter 16

- v.3 - Timothy is circumcised and joins Paul on his second missionary journey. (ref. restrictions)
- v.7 - The Holy Spirit prevents them from going into Bithynia.
- v.10 – Begins “we”
- v.16 - Slave girl owners upset when satanic spirit is cast out (ref. Bar-Jesus).
- v.19 – Owners have Paul and Silas Arrested / Jailer and household become believers.

## Chapter 17

v.1-15 – After “Philippian” jailer, they proceeded to Thessalonica (Jason), and then Berea. These Bereans received the word... then unbelievers from Thessalonica followed (ref. 14:19)

vs 17-34 – Paul’s address to the Athenians. Although rooted in OT ideas, it appealed to the Greek philosophers by interacting with their thought, even quoting their own writers in a well-informed, respectful way.

v. 30-31, Paul moved to a distinctly Christian appeal, clarifying that God would judge (the concept of judgment being new) , and that Christ, because of the resurrection, had authority to judge and to save.

## Chapter 18

- v.1 Paul arrives in Corrupt Corinth and meets Aquila and Priscilla, after mixed results in Athens
- v.5 – They arrive with gifts from Philippi, and great news about Thessalonica (2 Cor 11:9/1 Thess 3:6)
- v.6 – Paul announces that from now on he’s done with the Jews. Then God spoke (v.9-11).  
He remained 18 months ministering to Jew and Gentile (v.8)
- v.18-23 - Paul set sail (ultimately) for region of Jerusalem with P&A, stopping first at Ephesus.
- v.24-28- P&A meet Apollos (a believer). They further his learning and he is bold for Christ.

## Chapter 19

- v.13-15 – Jewish exorcists evoke the name of Jesus and the spirits reply.
- v.23-27 - Strife comes once again from those whose livelihood was threatened by the Gospel message
- v.32 – Most of the mob didn’t even know why they had gathered. (“mob mentality”)