

ACTS: PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY

THE BIRTH, DEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

A BIG PICTURE OUTLINE OF ACTS

PART ONE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 1-12)

- I.** FINAL KINGDOM PREPARATIONS (1) A.D. 30
- II.** THE DAY OF PENTECOST-KINGDOM COME! (2) A.D. 30
- III.** THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (2-7) A.D. 30-35?
- IV.** PERSECUTION & PROLIFERATION (8-12) A.D. 35-45?

PART TWO: THE EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 13-28)

- V.** PAUL'S FIRST MISSION TRIP (13-14) A.D. 48-49
- VI.** THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM (15) A.D. 49
- VII.** PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP (16:1-18:23a) A.D. 49-52



- VIII.** PAUL'S THIRD MISSION TRIP (18:23b-21:16) A.D. 53-57
- IX.** PAUL'S DEFENSE IN JERUSALEM (21:17-23:35) A.D. 57
- X.** PAUL'S DEFENSE IN CAESAREA (24:1-26:32) A.D. 57-59
- XI.** PAUL TAKEN TO ROME, IN CUSTODY (27-28) A.D. 60-62

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SEVEN: PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP

SECTION LEAD-IN: Following the leaders' meeting in Jerusalem and the disagreement between Paul and Barnabas, Paul sets out on his second mission trip with a new co-missionary, Silas (aka Silvanus). This second mission effort would last much longer and go much further and to many more places than the first mission trip.

SECTION BREAKDOWN: (See BIG PICTURE Outline)

VII. PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP (15:39-18:23a) A.D. 49-52

A. (15:39-41) Paul & Silas _____ the churches in Syria, Cilicia

B. (16:1-5) Back to Derbe and Lystra

1) *In Lystra, Paul recruits _____*

2) *The Jerusalem leaders' _____ communicated to the churches*

3) *Strength and _____ growth in the churches! (See Acts 2:47)*

C. (16:6-10) Led by the Spirit

1) _____ to the left and to the right, then led to Troas—
where _____, the book's author, joins Paul and company!

[“WE” PASSAGES: Acts 16:8-18 (From Troas to Philippi); Acts 20:3-15; 21:1-18 (From Philippi to Jerusalem); Acts 27:1-28:16 (From Jerusalem to Rome) See Col 4:10-14; Phm 24; 2 Tim 4:11.]

2) *Called to Macedonia (First step into _____!)*

D. (16:11-40) Paul and Silas in Philippi

1) *The conversion of _____ and her family*

2) *The _____ in the marketplace*

3) *Paul and Silas _____, beaten and imprisoned*

4) *The conversion of _____ and his family*

E. (17:1-15) _____ from Thessalonica to Berea to Athens

1) _____ ministry in Thessalonica cut short by Jewish opposition

2) _____ ministry in Berea cut short by the _____
Thessalonian Jews!

3) *Paul taken to _____, where he would wait for Silas and Timothy*

F. (17:16-34) Paul preaches the Gospel in Athens

- 1) Paul speaks up in the synagogue and in the _____
- 2) Paul taken to the Areopagus to explain his "_____, new" teaching
- 3) Paul's sermon about the One True God and His Appointed, _____ Judge!
- 4) Mixed responses

G. (18:1-17) Paul's ministry in Corinth

- 1) Paul finds Aquila and Priscilla and begins preaching in the synagogue
- 2) Silas and Timothy _____ Paul
- 3) Many Corinthians, (including Crispus) _____, _____ and are baptized!
- 4) The Lord Jesus _____ Paul, who stays for _____ months-plus
- 5) The Jews take _____ to court, but the proconsul takes no action

H. (18:19-23a) Paul's return trip to Antioch

- 1) Paul's _____ in Cenchreae
- 2) A _____ visit to Ephesus
- 3) From Ephesus to Caesarea to Antioch