

The Journeys of Paul

WEEK 4 | THESSALONICA | ACTS 17:1-15

Inspection – “What does it say?”

How long did Paul reason in the synagogue concerning Jesus being the Christ? (verse 2)

What two facts had to be established in the Jewish mind before becoming a Christian? (verse 3)

What was the root cause of the Jews forming a mob? (verse 5)

What were Jason and the other brothers accused of doing in verses 6-7?

Read verse 9. What did the city officials require Jason and the other brothers to do before letting them go? Why?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

Why was the cross a “stumbling block” to the Jews?

Why was it necessary for Paul to use Scripture to prove who Jesus was?

Why did Paul and Silas leave Thessalonica as soon as it was night?

How does the statement “all things are lawful; but not all things are expedient” apply here?

What was the obvious difference between those in Berea and those in Thessalonica? (verse 11)

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Make a list of 10 verses from the Old Testament that prove Jesus is the Christ.

Praise God for the good days and the hard days because you trust Him to carry you through.

Locate modern Thessalonica and pray this week for the nearly 90% Greek Orthodox who live there.

Consider how “noble character” is defined in verse 11 and how this should affect your daily walk with Christ.

Watch the news for troubled areas in the world and pray for God to send His people to bring Good News.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 119:11

Hebrews 4:12

John 14:26

Ephesians 6:17

Romans 1:16

1 Corinthians 15:3

1 Timothy 3:16

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

(Sources record this prayer found in the desk of a preacher who was martyred in Zimbabwe more than 100 years ago.)

The Fellowship of the Unashamed

I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power.

The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, applause, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer and labor by power.

My pace is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road is narrow. My way rough. My companions few. My guide is reliable and my mission is clear.

I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, pander at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I've stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give 'til I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He'll have no problem recognizing me. My banner will be clear.

Amen!

May it be so in your life and mine.