

“Examine & Discern All Things By The Spirit Of God!”

Acts 17:10-15

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Q

“What Did The House Church of Jason In Thessalonica Do After Giving Assurance To The City Officials Concerning Paul & Silas?”

A

They Immediately Sent Them Out That Very Night To Berea!

“Then the Brethren (House Church of Jason)

Immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.”

Acts 17:10a

APPENDIX I – Map Thessalonica to Berea (Top of Page 5)

Q

“After Arriving In Berea By Way Of Thessalonica,

What Does Paul, Silas, & Timothy Do

According To Their Jewish Heritage & Ritual On The Sabbath Day?”

A

They Enter The Local Synagogue & Await An Opportunity To Preach / Teach / Debate

“When They (Paul & Silas) arrived (They met up with Timothy, who had been sent on ahead),

They (Paul, Silas, & Timothy) went into the Synagogue of the Jews.”

Acts 17:10b

NOTE

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APPENDIX III – Full Gospel Message (Page 6)

Review & Commit To Memory

“Preaching & Teaching The Full Gospel Message”

Q

“What Kind of People Were The Berean Christians?”

A

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CQ1

“What Did The Bereans Possess, That Most Of The People In Their World & Time, Did Not?”

CQ2

***“What Did The Bereans Have,
That Most People In Our World & Time, Do Not?”***

CQ3

***“What Did The Berean Believers Possess,
That Most People Today, Who Call Themselves Believers, Do Not?”***

CA

They Possessed Seven Things That Are Pleasing To God!

- 1) Fair-Minded / Open-Minded / Humble**
- 2) Receptive: Logic / Reason / Truth**
- 3) Always Ready / Prepared / Observant**
- 4) Searching / Studying / Learning**
- 5) Scriptural Based / Reading / Inquisitive**
- 6) Alert / Working / Productive**
- 7) Discerning / Contemplative / Understanding**

Q

***“Where Are You Pastor Scott,
Where Are You Brothers & Sisters In The Church This Morning,
Compared To My Triumphant Berean Brothers & Sisters Awaiting The Resurrection?”***

JESUS CHRIST

Q

“What Did God Their Father Reward Them With For Their Spiritual Diligence & Purity?”

A

**A Great Eighth (7 + 1) Surpassing & Unifying Eternal Gift,
His Very Spirit, His Very Indwelling Presence!**

***“Therefore, Many of Them Believed,⁸ and
Not a Few (Many) of the **Greeks**, **Prominent Women** as well as **Men**.”***

Acts 17:12

Main Q?

“What Does It Mean To Be A Modern Berean Christian Today?”

Main A!

***“I Am Committed To Love God Above All My Earthly:
Desires,¹ Dreams,² Goals,³ Earnings,⁴ Possessions,⁵ Positions,⁶ & Relationships,⁷
I Am Sold Out For Christ Today, Tomorrow, & Forever!
I Am Daily Open & Listening To His Voice, I Am Receptive To His Will,
I Am Ready To Obey His Every Command; I Am His Good & Faithful Servant!⁸
I Am Daily Reading, Meditating, Reasoning, Searching, Learning, & Discerning His Word!
I Am Daily Praising & Praying God In His Spirit In Unity With My Spirit!⁸
I Am Daily Productive In Seeking The Lost & In Service To All!”***

Q

***“What Did The Non-Believing - Unpersuaded Jews In Thessalonica
Do In Response To Paul’s Work?”***

A

**They Traveled To Berea Filled With Envy, Strife, & Evil Intentions,
& Started A Mob To Harass & Bring To Justice Anyone Who Harbored Paul!**

***“But when the (**Unbelieving**) **Jews from Thessalonica** learned that the **Word of God**
(**Gospel Message**) was Preached by Paul at **Berea**, **They came There (Berea)** also and Stirred Up
the Crowds.”***

Acts 17:13

Q

“What Did The Berean Believers In The Church Do In Response To The Crowds?”

A

They Took Immediate Action To Preserve Paul's Life!

"Then immediately the Brethren (Berean Church) sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy Remained There (in Berea)." Acts 17:14

Q

"Where Did Paul Go Next Upon Escaping Berea?"

A

Paul Traveled To Athens

"So, Those Who conducted Paul brought him to Athens." ... Acts 17:15a

APPENDIX II – Map Berea to Athens (Bottom of Page 5)

Q

"What Did Paul Do Immediately Upon Arriving In Athens?"

A

Gave Orders To The Berean Co-Travelers To Tell Silas & Timothy To Come To Him ASAP!

"And receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to Him (Paul) with all speed."

Acts 17:15b

Q

"What Do Silas & Timothy Do In Berea When The Brothers Give Them The Message?"

A

They Immediately Depart For Athens To Link Up With Paul!

"They (Silas & Timothy) departed (for Athens)." ... Acts 17:15c

Q

"What Do I Do With What I Have Learned Today?"

A

"I Commit Again Anew To Being A True Berean Christian!"

MY PERSONAL REVIEW

Q

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CQ3

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A1

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MCQ

“What Does It Mean To Be A Modern Berean Christian Today?”

(Slide 23)

MCA

*“I Desire & I Will Commit To Love & Honor God Above All My Earthly:
Desires, ¹ Dreams, ² Earnings, ³ Goals, ⁴ Positions, ⁵ Possessions, ⁶ & Relationships ⁷!”*

“I Am Sold Out For Christ Today, Tomorrow, & Forever!

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Appendix II – Map “Berea to Athens”



(Continued Over)

APPENDIX III – Full Gospel Message

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To Both Jews & Gentiles Alike Whenever Entering A New Territory Or City!**

LET'S REVIEW

Q

"What Is The Full Message of the Gospel Of The Good News?"

Church's Evangelical Mission Has Two Main Components

1) Preaching (Proclaiming & Sharing)

**The Full Good News – Gospel Of Jesus Christ With The World
Consists Of 7# Interrelated & Sequential Concepts Of Full Faith & Truth**

2) Teaching (Educating & Offering)

**The Necessary Concepts That Accompany The Proclamation Of The Full Good News
Consists Of 7# Interrelated & Sequential Concepts Of Full Salvation & Sanctification**

A) Preaching The Complete Good News Of Full Faith & Truth

1) Christ Has Come & Lived Perfectly Among Us

2) Christ Has Truly Died & Has Truly Risen From The Dead

3) Christ Has Ascended Into Heaven & Makes Constant Intercession For Us All

4) Christ Has Sent His Holy Spirit To Live Within Us & Guide Us Into All Truth

5) Christ Has Entrusted Us With Preaching Repentance & Forgiveness Of Sins In His Name

6) Christ Has Asked Us To Serve Others & Teach Them Everything He Taught Us!

7) Christ Shall Come Again To Judge The Living & The Dead

& Take Us To Heaven To Live With Him Forever

B) Teaching (Educating & Offering)

1) Age Of Fulfillment Becomes Reality (Time Of Fulfillment Is Here)

Complete With Signs (Miracles & Wonders)

2) Ancient Prophecies In The Old Testament Fulfilled By Christ In The New Testament

(With Some Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled Concerning The Last Days)

3) Proclamation: Preaching & Teaching Of The Good News

4) Call To Repentance In Honor Of Christ's Sacrifice

5) Reception & Forgiveness Of Sins In Christ (Redeemer / Savior)

6) Call To Surrender One's Will To God's Will In Christ (Lord / Master)

7) Call To Holiness & Service In The Name Of Christ

NOTE

Paul Always Uses A 4-Part Formula When Sharing The Gospel of Good News

1) OT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God's People According To God's Plan & Promise

2) NT Kerygma

Central Story of Deliverance & Salvation of God's People Fulfilled In Jesus Christ

3) Support With Various Scriptures

Use The Scriptures Read In The Synagogue / Church Meeting That Day

&/Or Use Supporting Scriptures From The Bible

4) Exhort & Encourage

The Audience To Go Further In Their Thinking & Understanding Of The Past & Their Lives

NOTE

Ancient Jewish Tradition Is To Have Three Readings On The Sabbath Day

Contained In A Set of Three Books Of Prayer & Readings

That Cover The Entirety Of The Law In A Rotating Three-Year Cycle.

The Three Readings Each Week Were Taken From

1) The Law (Torah), 2) The Prophets, & 3) Another Choice

From The Scriptures To Support The 1st & / Or 2nd Reading.