

**GATECITY CHURCH**  
**THE BOOK OF ACTS, PT. 11**  
**PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY: SEPARATION,**  
**SALVATION AND STUDY**  
**MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 – CASEY RYON**

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**I. Separation**

- A. Acts:15:36-41 – “After some days Paul said to Barnabas, ‘Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are.’ Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there occurred such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and left, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”
- B. Observations:
1. Paul and Barnabas wanted the same thing but disagreed on how to make it happen.
  2. Their Separation led to multiplication, not division.
  3. Their unity wasn't based on agreement but on their faith (Ephesians 4).
  4. They remained lifelong friends ( 2 Timothy 4:11).

**II. Salvation**

- A. Acts 16:25-34 – “But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!’ And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them

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into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.”

B. Observations:

1. Their response to suffering was worship and prayer.
2. The miracle was integrity not an earthquake.
3. This moment wasn't about delivering Paul, but saving the jailer.
4. The Gospel changes households, not just individuals.

**III. Study**

A. Acts 17:10-12 – “The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men

B. Observations:

1. They received the Word with eagerness.
2. They were more loyal to truth than their theological system.
3. Charles Spurgeon in his commentary on Hebrews 6 says, “We come to this passage ourselves with the intention to read it with the simplicity of a child and whatever we find therein to state it; and if it may not seem to agree with something we have hitherto held we are prepared to cast away every doctrine of our own rather than one passage of Scripture. We had better far be inconsistent with ourselves than with the inspired Word. I have been called an Arminian Calvinist or a Calvinistic Arminian and I am quite content so long as I can keep close to my Bible.”
4. They treated Scripture as the final authority.