

Accomplice 4: Accomplishment

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Acts 14:15-16 (NIV) *Barnabas and Paul in Lystra* **15** “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. **We are bringing you good news**, telling you to **turn from these worthless things to the living God**, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. **16** In the past, he let all nations go their own way.”

I. First, Their Approach

Acts 15:24-29 (NIV) *The Jerusalem Letter* **24** We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. **25** So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— **26** men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **27** Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. **28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond** the following requirements: **29** You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

 The Holy Spirit doesn't seek to _____ the believers

Acts 16:6-8 (NIV) **6 Paul and his companions** traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, **having been kept by the Holy Spirit** from **preaching the word** in the province of Asia. **7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus would not allow** them to. **8** So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

 Working in _____


 The Holy Spirit is the _____

Acts 16:9-10 (NIV) **9** During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” **10** After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, **concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.**

II. Next, Their Message and Ministry

Acts 16:13-15 (NIV) *In Philippi* **13** On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to **find a place of prayer**. We

sat down and **began to speak** to the women who had gathered there. **14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. **The Lord opened her heart** to respond to Paul's message. **15** When she and the members of her household were **baptized**, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

 The message and ministry of Jesus is _____

Acts 17:22-23 (NIV) *In Athens* **22** Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as **I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship**, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

III. Finally, Their Goal

Acts 19:1-7 (NIV) *In Ephesus* **1** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples **2** and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” **3** So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John's baptism,” they replied. **4** Paul said, “John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. **7** There were about twelve men in all.

 They wanted the new _____ to receive all they had

Acts 19:18-20 (NIV) **18** Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. **19** A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. **20** In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

 The new _____ let go of their past ways

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