

Notes for lesson 2, on 1st Thessalonians. Paul's 2nd missionary journey

Acts 15:1 Paul goes to Jerusalem

15:6-9: compare with 1 Thess 1:4-5

6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter. 7 After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; 9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

15:22-35 sent to Antioch (w/ Barnabas), delivered letter from the apostles in Jerusalem, then stayed there.

----- 2nd journey of Paul

15:36 Paul asks Barnabas to come on 2nd journey sharp disagreement over John Mark. Paul with with Silas (Silvanus) on 2nd journey. Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus

15:41 Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches

16:1 Derbe and Lystra. Timothy joined on in Lystra

16:6 Phrygia, Galatia forbidden by the Holy Spirit to go to Asia

16:7 Mysia forbidden by the Spirit of Jesus to go to Bythnia

16:8 Troas (Troy). vision of a Macedonian asking for help

16:11 tense changes to "we", so Luke joined them in Troas set sail for Samothrace, then Neapolis, then Philippi stayed in Philippi 'for some days'

16:14 conversion of Lydia in Philippi (first European convert) cast demon out of slave girl, cause riot. Paul & Silas imprisoned and beaten (not Luke, who was with them)

16:25 Paul & Silas praying & singing in prison; earthquake. jailer converted

16:35 released, asked to leave the city

--- arrived at Thessalonica -----

17:1 travelled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, came to Thessalonica

17:2 reasoned with Thessalonica Jews for 3 Sabbaths in the synagogue. some persuaded, rest become jealous, who started a riot. Jason and other brethren attacked (not Paul & Silas)

--- left Thessalonica -----

17:10 Paul & Silas sent to Berea, by night. went to synagogue, many believed. Many days ("daily...") "recv'd the word with great eagerness"

17:13 Jews from Thessalonica "found that the word of God was proclaimed in Berea", came and started a riot. Sent Paul out, as far as the sea. Silas and Timothy remained in Berea

17:15 brethren escorted Paul to Athens. Silas and Timothy told to follow.

17:16 while Paul waiting for Silas & Timothy in Athens, saw a city full of idols. in synagogue, reasoning with Jews & God-fearing Gentiles. debates with Greek philosophers.

17:22 sermon on Mars Hill (Areopagus)

18:1 left Athens (no riot; not driven out) for Corinth.
Met Priscilla and Aquilla. Worked there as a tent-maker.
reasoned in the synagogue with Jews and Greeks

18:5 Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul stopped working as a tent-maker and devoted himself to the word.
The Jews resisted, and he wen to the Gentiles.

18:11 lived in Corinth for 18 months, teaching the word of God
"when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia"
Jews rose up and accused Paul.

18:18 Paul remained in Corinh "many days longer"
went by Sea to Syria, with Priscila and Aquilla.
leaving by Cenchrea, the port of Corinth

18:19 came to Ephesus, left Priscilla & Aquilla there
entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews, did not stay long

18:22 sailed to Caesarea, greeted the church, and went back to Antioch,
spent some time there

---- end of 2nd journey of Paul