



THE ACTS OF US

30 - Eager To Preach, Eager To Hear
ACTS 17:1-15

Turning the World Upside-down!

- There are people trying to turn the world upside-down through politics, protest, violence, and destruction.
- But Paul and Silas were actually accused of turning the world upside-down (Ac 17:6).
- **ACTS 16:16-40** - They did this through proclaiming Christ, reasoning, and persuading people that Jesus is the promised Messiah.
- I believe that like Paul, we need to be eager to proclaim, explain, and persuade for the time is short.
- And our audience needs to be like the noble Bereans and be eager to listen.



The Bereans were not enslaved to their own prejudices

- Paul shared the gospel message with them and they listened!
- Sometimes what we have been taught, even by the best of well-intending teachers, may not be 100% accurate.
- Don't let these things polarize you against others, reject the truth, or keep you from hearing the message.
- Hearing is an important concept in the Bible (De 6:4-5; Mt 11:13; 13:9, 43; Mk 4:9,23; 7:16; Lk 8:8, 14:35; Re 2,3)
- "Hear = Listen and Obey - Heed: Whoever has ears, let them hear. **PAY ATTENTION!**
- We must be eager to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ so that people will want to hear!



The Bereans did not blindly accept the apostle's assertions

- Paul reasoned and explained that Jesus was the Messiah according to the scriptures.
- 350 prophecies that point to Messiah (See insert).
- They eagerly searched the scriptures daily to see for themselves... I like this! EXPLORE FOR YOURSELVES!
- Paul encouraged them and reasoned with them. He appealed to the mind first... and then the heart.
- Reason - διαλέγομαι - "through the word." Coming to a conclusion by exchanging thoughts (logic).
- **Isaiah 1:18**
- We need to reason, and have the time, patience and gentle encouragement that it takes to let someone discover the truth for themselves.



The Bereans eagerly accepted the message after careful study

- Paul allowed the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of people to bring them to their own conclusion.
- Paul had proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah of the Scriptures, He encouraged them to search it out for themselves, and he gave proofs that the Messiah had to suffer and be raised from the dead (**Isaiah 53**).
- The Bereans had been open-minded, and it lead to them having an open heart. And I believe that we need to pray for the Spirit's preparation of the minds and hearts of unbelievers who, by God's grace, will one day become believers.
- We must demonstrate Christ in the scriptures and in our daily walk of faith.

Let's Be Eager to Preach!



- Every Christians is a preacher!
- You need to be prepared to proclaim Christ, explain the Scriptures, and demonstrate Christ alive in you.
- Let us be eager, willing and ready to share the good news because the time is short (1 Tm 4:2).
- Will you share the gospel message with others?

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