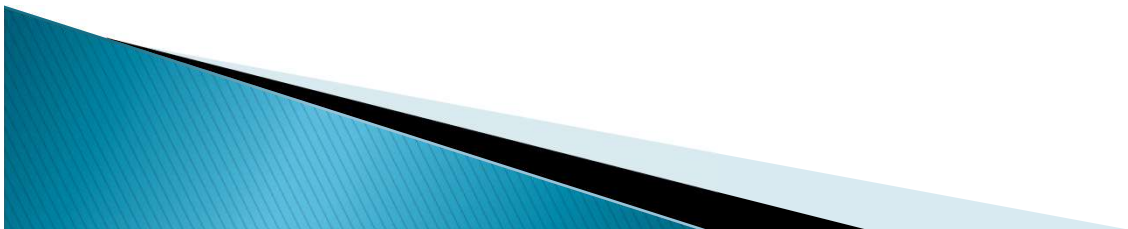


# Chapter 16

- ▶ 16:1–5
  - Timothy, and delivering the decrees
- ▶ 16:6–10
  - Being called to Macedonia
- ▶ 16:11–15
  - Conversion of Lydia
- ▶ 16:16–40
  - Continued work in Philippi





# Timothy

- ▶ Paul's son in the faith
  - 2 Timothy 1:2
  - 1 Corinthians 4:17
- ▶ Young
  - 1 Timothy 4:12
- ▶ Mother's & grandmother's faith
  - 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14–15
- ▶ Paul had him circumcised
  - Why? 1 Corinthians 9:19–23
  - Titus – no – Galatians 2:3



# Overview of the Second Journey

- ▶ Acts 15:41 – 18:22
- ▶ Distance: about 2800–3000 miles
- ▶ About 3 years: A.D. 50–53
  - Gallio (Acts 18:12) – proconsul in Corinth A.D. 51–52
- ▶ Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke
  - But “we” becomes “they” beginning in Thessalonica



# People Movement on Second Journey

- ▶ Berea
  - Silas & Timothy remain in Berea when Paul goes to Athens (17:14)
- ▶ Athens
  - Timothy comes to Paul in Athens (1 Thess 3:1–2)
    - As intended by Paul (17:15)
  - Silas presumably comes to Paul in Athens (17:15)
  - Paul sends Timothy from Athens to Thessalonica (1 Thess 3:1–2, 5)
- ▶ At some point, Silas goes to Macedonia (18:5)
- ▶ Corinth
  - Timothy and Silas come from Macedonia to Paul in Corinth (18:5; 1 Thess 3:6–10)
  - Paul wrote 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians from Corinth (1 Thess 3:6–10)



# Provinces, Regions & Cities Visited

- ▶ Province: Syria
  - Antioch
- ▶ Province: Cilicia
- ▶ Province: Galatia
  - Region: Lycaonia
    - Derbe
    - Lystra
- ▶ Province: Asia Minor
  - Region: Phrygia
  - Region: Mysia
    - Troas
- ▶ Island: Samo–thracia
- ▶ Province: Macedonia
  - Neapolis
- Philippi
- Amphipolis
- Appolonia
- Thessalonica
- Berea
- ▶ Province: Achaia (Greece)
  - Athens
  - Corinth
  - Cenchrea
- ▶ Province: Asia Minor
  - Ephesus
- ▶ Province: Syria
  - Caesarea
  - Jerusalem
  - Antioch



# Work in the First Part of the Journey

- ▶ “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing” (Acts 15:36)
- ▶ Derbe
- ▶ Lystra
- ▶ Through the cities in that region (v.4)
- ▶ Delivered the decrees to keep
- ▶ “So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily” (Acts 16:5)
- ▶ Phrygia
- ▶ Galatia
- ▶ Not Asia, not Bithynia
- ▶ Passing by Mysia, came to Troas
- ▶ On to Macedonia



# Necessary Inference

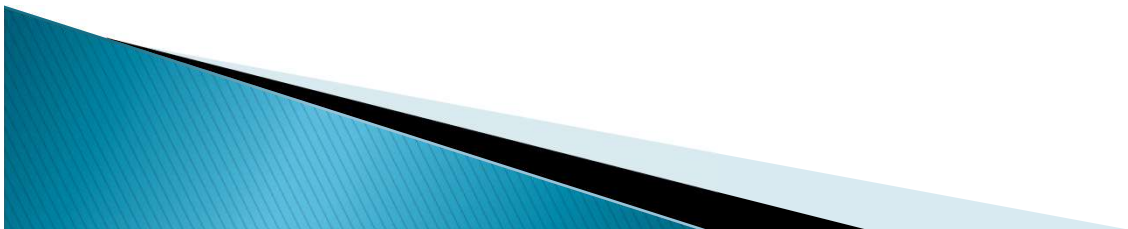
- ▶ Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in Asia
- ▶ Tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them
- ▶ A vision to Paul in the night
  - A man of Macedonia pleaded with him to come to Macedonia and help them
- ▶ “Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them” (v.10)





# Preaching in Philippi

- ▶ Philippi a Roman colony
  - A military post for the defense of that area
  - Citizens had freedom from scourging and from arrest except in extreme cases, and had the right to appeal to Caesar
- ▶ No synagogue
  - Jewish synagogue required 10 family heads in a community
- ▶ Here, Jewish worshipers customarily met by the riverside on the Sabbath



# Lydia

- ▶ From Thyatira, in the Roman province of Asia, 20 miles SE of Pergamum
- ▶ Seller of purple
  - Purple dye in great demand among the rich; a lucrative business
- ▶ A worshiper of God – a God-fearing woman
- ▶ “She heard us” (v.14)
- ▶ The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul
  - The Spirit works through the word of God – the words Paul spoke in this case
    - Romans 1:16; 10:17
- ▶ Her heart was **opened** to heed
  - Heed = attend to – to give attention to; same
  - “respond” in NASB
  - Same word as Acts 8:6
- ▶ To the contrary, a person’s heart is **closed** when he is unwilling to hear and respond in obedience
  - Matthew 13:13–15
- ▶ Contrast with Calvinism:
  - Total hereditary depravity, making it impossible for a person to receive the word of God except by “irresistible grace”

