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Bible Studies for Seniors

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## STUDY 1: Paul in Philippi.



**READ:**  
*Acts 16: 9-40*



**KEY VERSE:**  
*Acts 16: 31*

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*Suggested Further Reading: • Romans 10: 8-13*

Paul and his companions continued on their travels and eventually came to Troas. In Troas, Paul had a night vision from the Lord in which he saw a man standing and pleading with him.

**Q: What did the man say?**

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Immediately, Paul and his companions set out for Macedonia, certain that God was calling them to preach the Gospel there. This was Paul's first visit into Europe. It was a big step for him to take, to enter a new continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Maybe this is why God spoke to Paul about it in such a special way.

Paul came to Philippi. He went to a place at the river-side, where some women used to meet for prayer. Paul and his friends sat down and spoke with them.

**Q: Who was the first person to respond to their message?**

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**Q: Why did she respond?**

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She was already a 'worshipper of God', but now Paul explained to her about the Lord Jesus, and she gladly accepted Him as her Saviour and Lord, as did the members of her household.

**Q: How did she, and her household, show that they were now believers in the Lord Jesus?**

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The next person we read of is a completely different sort of person.

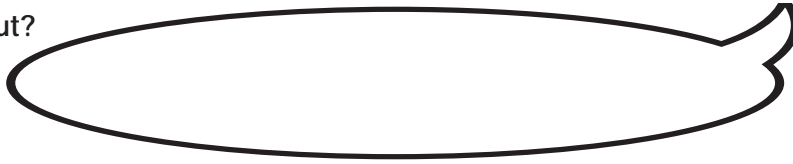
**Q: How is she described?**

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She followed Paul and those with him for many days, shouting after them.

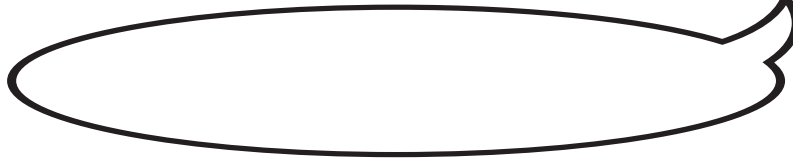
**Q: What did she shout?**



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Paul was upset but not deceived. Despite the words the girl said, Paul knew that she was possessed by an evil spirit and that it was this spirit who recognised who they were. Eventually, Paul turned round and spoke directly to the spirit.

**Q: What did he say?**



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There is power in the name of Jesus Christ. The evil spirit had no choice but to obey. Her masters (owners) were motivated by greed. All they wanted was to make money. They wanted revenge on Paul and Silas and falsely accused them before the magistrates. The magistrates saw that the crowd was on the side of the girl's masters.

**Q: What did the magistrates command to be done?**

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**Q: Put the following statements in the correct order by numbering them 1 to 7. (No.1 is done for you)**

- ..... The jailer called for a light.
- ..... At midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God.
- ..... The doors flew open and every prisoner's chains fell off.
- ..... The jailer rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas.
- ..1.. The jailer put Paul and Silas in the inner cell (prison).
- ..... A tremendous earthquake shook the prison to its foundations.
- ..... The jailer drew his sword to kill himself.

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The jailer realised a miracle had happened. God had not only caused the earthquake but in addition had opened all the prison doors and unfastened every prisoner's chains.

**Q: What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?**

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**Q: What reply did he receive?**

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**Q: However, that wasn't all that Paul and Silas said. Write out verse 32.**

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That night the jailer and his whole household believed and were saved! Without any delay they were all baptised. (In the Bible, baptism always followed conversion.)

**Q: How did the jailer and his family feel about their new-found faith in God? (See v. 34)**

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Before Paul and Silas left Philippi, they went to Lydia's home for a final meeting with all those who had been converted to Christ during their stay in that city. They left them with words of comfort and encouragement.

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## STUDY 2: Paul in Thessalonica and Berea.



**READ:**  
Acts 17: 1-14



**KEY VERSE:**  
Acts 17: 11



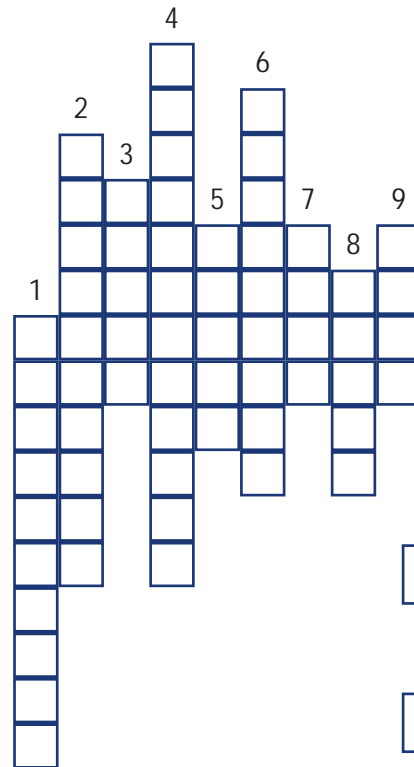
*Suggested Further Reading:* • 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

After passing through a few cities, Paul came to Thessalonica, which was situated at the crossroads of the main east-west and north-south highways. Paul's stay in this city appears to have been very short.

**Q: Word Grid**

Clues

1. One of the places which Paul passed through.
2. Paul discussed these with the Jews.
3. The crowd attacked this man's house.
4. The first town where Paul stopped, in the Bible Reading.
5. One of those who stayed on in Berea.
6. Paul went as usual to this building.
7. The crowd claimed Paul was trying to set Jesus up as another .....
8. The believers sent Paul and Silas away from Thessalonica as soon as it was .....
9. Paul argued that Christ should rise from the .....



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**Q: Colour in the name of the second place through which Paul passed. (It is written across the Word Grid) - see Acts 17: 1**

From their reading of the Old Testament, the Jews must have been expecting the Messiah, (the Christ). However, the idea of a Messiah who would die was strange to them. Paul used the Old Testament to prove that this had to be so, and he went on to show that Jesus had fulfilled all that had been written about the suffering Messiah. Therefore, Jesus was indeed the Christ, or Messiah. Some accepted the truth of this, and became Christians.

**Q: A short time later, Paul wrote a letter to these new Christians. We call it '1st Thessalonians'. How does he describe the newly-formed church? (1 Thessalonians 1: 1)**

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Having established a church in Thessalonica, Paul had to leave the city rather hurriedly. As usual, the unbelieving Jews stirred up trouble, the reason being that they were jealous.

**Q: How did these jealous Jews set the city in an uproar?**

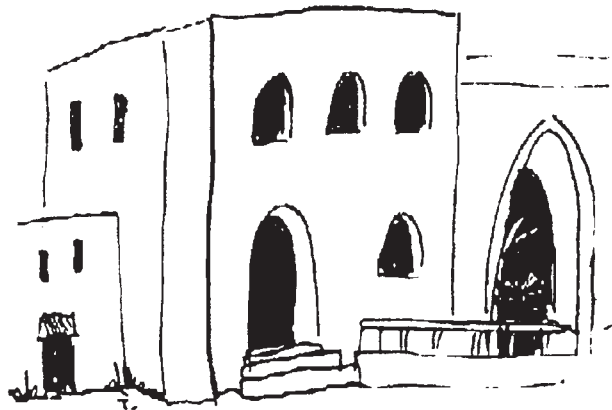
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**Q: Write out what they said about Paul and his companions.**

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Apparently, the Jews thought that Paul and his friends were in the house of Jason. Perhaps this was where Paul was living when in the area. Jason and other believers were dragged out and falsely accused. Since Paul was not present, the rulers were limited in what they could do. They let Jason and the rest out on bail, on the understanding that the bail money would be given back to them if there was no more trouble in the city.



Paul left Thessalonica and pushed on further into Macedonia, coming to the town of Berea.

**Q: How did the Jews in Berea react to Paul's words?**

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This should be our response to the preaching of God's Word also. We should be eager to listen, our minds and hearts ready to receive the Word. We should daily feed on the Word of God (Joshua 1: 8) by reading our Bibles. Such an earnest searching of the Scriptures could only result in many believing - as at Berea. If we search the Scriptures desiring to know the truth, then we will find the Truth - the Lord Jesus Christ Himself - and true faith will follow.



**Q: Once again, Paul had to leave in a hurry. Why?**

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### STUDY 3: Paul in Athens and Corinth.



**READ:**  
Acts 17: 15-34  
18: 1-18



**KEY VERSES:**  
Acts 17: 30 -31



*Suggested Further Reading:* • 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5, 15: 1-4

In Athens, Paul found the worship of idols worse than anything he had experienced before. The city had a reputation for culture and philosophy but this had evidently led them into spiritual darkness, away from the true God.

Paul was greatly stirred in his spirit and began presenting to the people the truth about the Lord Jesus and His resurrection.

**Q: Which two groups took Paul to Mars' Hill? (or Areopagus)**

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The sermon Paul preached there was to those who knew nothing of Christ. Paul referred to one of their altars which he had seen.

**Q: What was the inscription on this altar?**

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Paul continued by talking about the Creator God and then he moved on to more personal matters.

**Q: Look at the Key Verses. What does God now command?**

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**Q: For what has God set a day?**

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**Q: There were three reactions to Paul's message. What were they?**

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2	_____
3	_____

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After this, Paul went to Corinth.

**Q: What did Paul have in common with Priscilla and Aquila that made him stay with them?**

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**Q: How did the Jews in Corinth react to Paul's message?**

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**Q: What was Paul's response to this?**

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However, there were many converts, both Jew (e.g. Crispus and his household) and Gentile (e.g. Justus), who believed and were baptised.

Once again, God spoke to Paul in a night vision.

**Q: What was Paul's response to this?**

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God was giving the people of sinful Corinth a wonderful opportunity of being saved. Today He is giving you a similar opportunity. Make sure you don't waste it!

You should note what Paul later wrote to them:-

"I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified . . . that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." (1 Corinthians. 2: 2 & 5)

**Q: Hidden in the Word Search are some of the people recorded as either living in Corinth or Athens.**

Use the clues below to help you find them, and write the answers in the spaces provided. Circle them in the Word Search.

1 & 2. The two people who are named as having believed Paul's message in Athens.

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3 & 4. The husband and wife with whom Paul stayed in Corinth.

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5. The ruler who had commanded all Jews to leave Rome.

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6. The proconsul (governor) of Achaia.

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7. This man's house was next door to the synagogue in Corinth. (18: 7)

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(If your Bible gives two names, you will find only the second name in the Word Search.)

8 & 9. The two rulers of the synagogue in Corinth who are named.

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## STUDY 4: Paul in Ephesus.



**READ:**  
*Acts 19: 1-41*



**KEY VERSES:**  
*Ephesians 2: 8-9*



*Suggested Further Reading: • Ephesians 2: 1-10*

Ephesus was a city dominated by the worship of the goddess Diana (Artemis). The temple dedicated to her was full of vice and corruption. The apostle Paul had visited this city at the end of his second missionary journey. Now, some time later, he returned as he had promised he would, if it was God's will. (See Acts 18: 19-21)

Upon arrival, Paul found twelve disciples, who had not heard the whole story of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul asked them several questions about what they believed.

**Q: Write out the questions and the answers they gave.**

Q. .... ?

A. .... !

Q. .... ?

A. .... !

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Paul then explained to them that this baptism was different from Christian baptism. John the Baptist had pointed people forward to the Lord Jesus, who was then yet to come. Now the Lord Jesus had not only come but had done everything necessary to put away our sins. These men at once put their faith in Christ and showed this by being baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**Q: NUMBERS - To what do the following numbers refer? Write a sentence about each.**

2 years -

2 hours -

3 months -

7 sons -

12 disciples (men) v. 7 -

50,000 drachmas (or pieces of silver) -

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**Q: PEOPLE - Write a sentence about each of the following men.**

Erastus - (v. 22)

Demetrius - (v. 24)

Aristarchus - (v. 29)

Town (City) Clerk - (v. 35)

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**Q: REACTIONS.**

What was the reaction of some of the Jews to Paul's preaching in the synagogue? (See vs. 8 & 9)

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**Q: What was the reaction of the Ephesians to what happened to the seven sons of Sceva?**

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The special miracles performed by Paul in Ephesus are specifically stated as being by the power of God. (See v. 11) When certain Jews tried to copy Paul they were unsuccessful.

**Q: Read carefully what Demetrius said to his fellow craftsmen in verses 24 - 27. What was their reaction to Demetrius' words?**

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In spite of all the opposition, the Word spread far and wide. Jews and Greeks throughout all Asia heard the 'Word of the Lord Jesus' and many were saved. (See v. 10)

**Q: The Key Verses tell us how they received this great blessing. Write out the Key Verses.**

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Ephesians chapter 2 is worth studying, if you want to be sure about salvation. Because the Ephesian Christians were sinners just as we are, they are described in the early verses as being dead, as far as God is concerned. (Verses 1-3) However, by faith in the Lord Jesus they were made alive and brought into the blessings of salvation. Paul said that good works cannot save, but faith in Christ can. (Verses 8 & 9) Good works are then a proof of salvation. (See v. 10)

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