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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Acts

C17 Luke records that they have made it to Thessalonica. He preached Jesus at the synagogue three consecutive weeks. Jason and others were arrested. They were released. Paul and Silas dispatch to Berea.

Luke gives these believers special notice. They studied daily searching Old Testament Scripture. These in-depth studying and teaching led to many new believers (10-12). The haters would follow Paul there. He went to the coast while Silas and Timothy remained behind.

Paul debates the antagonist philosophers (Epicureans and Stoics). While most people can share the Gospel based on their personal testimony, advanced education is required for antagonist like religious people, philosophers and atheists. This is Paul's sermon at Athens referring to the Unknown God. While most scoffed some believed like Dionysius a council member and apparently a well known woman, Damaris.

C18 Vss 1- Luke introduces the dynamic couple Pricilla and Acuilla. They are introduced as tent makers and it's apparent Paul also had the same trade. They worked together.

Luke records once Timothy and Silas arrived, Paul devoted all if his time to preaching. When he was rejected he said their blood was upon them. This shows how critical sharing the Gospel is. It is a life or death matter (1-6).

The leader if the synagogue became a believer. The Lord spoke to Pail in a vision telling him not to be afraid and to speak out. He stayed the more them a year. However, a new Governor becomes the opportunity for some Jewish haters to falsely accuse Paul. They beat the leader of the synagogue (12-17).

Paul ford to Corinth. He goes to Syria with Pricilla and Acquilla he so honored their

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ministry. Paul had no issue ministering with this woman. He saw her as an equal colleague. They ministered in Ephesus. They return through Galatia.

While in Ephesus, Priscilla and Aquilla give clarity to Apollos about The faith. Again here is Priscilla giving guidance to a man. There after Apollos is able to grow in ministry with powerful arguments against the antagonists (18-28).

C19-21

C19 Vss 1- Luke records the third campaign. The question was had they received the Holy Spirit? Notice Luke follows up by recording they had not heard the Gospel message. They were followers who did not clearly understand the Gospel message. Luke continues with the same topic. Once they received the Holy Spirit they spoke in other tongues. Luke is this professional writer. He's used the term, spoke in other tongues previously ( ).

Paul shares for months in Ephesus. He performs miracles, and exorcises demons. These pretenders tried simply using the name of Jesus without the authority and they were beaten by the evil spirit (13-16).

It is not a matter of saying the name of Jesus, there must be a relationship with Him. His name is not a magic potion.

However even in this people came to believe in The Lord. People come to The Lord in all manner of ways related to His (17-18).

People turned in their books of sorcery and other practices. It began to impact commerce.

Notice believers who were Roman citizens did not have to petition government or vote for certain candidates. All the Church had to do was be the Church. It was impacting society so much it caused those in commerce to incite riots against the believers (18-31).

VC20 Vss 1- Paul goes to Macedonia and Greece. There were plots for his life as the word spread about him.

While at Troas Paul knew it was his final time with them he preached all night long. Luke records that a young man fell out of a window to his death. Paul brings life to the young lad. Many have made jokes about falling to sleep during preaching. But it shows this young lad's sincere interest in the faith. Paul brings him back to life (7-12).

Bound to go to Jerusalem where he will endure persecution he calls the elders at Ephesus. His focus has been the work of The Lord.

He declared He taught the whole counsel of God (21-27). He warns them to be on guard and feed God's flock. Again these are parting words that last to every generation of

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leaders. He I have not connected anyone's treasures. He worked for his own.

This is the ministers creed. If we are paid handsomely for our service, we can expect to be naked in glory. No doubt the well-disciplined and well-studied leader is worthy of double-honor, but it's so effective when the leader does not insist on it. He departs and there are great tears by all involved (36-37).

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