

Acts 15:30-35 Barnabas and Paul were chosen to hand deliver the letter to the Churches in Galatia so they set off for Antioch where they delivered the letter and then remained in Antioch for some time.

Acts 15: 36-41

- Sharp contention between Paul and Barnabas over Mark
- Paul and Barnabas separate from one another
- Barnabas took Mark and sailed away to Cyprus
- Paul chose Silas and they went through Syria and Cilicia by Land

Here we lose sight of Mark and he does not reappear for 10 years. In **Colossians 4:10** and **Philemon 24**, Paul sends greeting from Mark whom Paul calls his “fellow worker.” **1 Peter 1:1**, Peter calls Mark his son – probably through Baptism.

Acts 16 Second Missionary Journey going from Jerusalem, to Antioch, Tarsus, Derbe, Lystra, Troas, Philippi, Macedonia, Greece (Europe)

16:1-5 St. Timothy has been regarded by some as the "angel of the church of Ephesus", Rev 2: 1. He was Bishop of Ephesus. During the persecution by Nero St. John arrived at Ephesus, where he lived with St. Timothy until he was exiled to Patmos under Domitian. Timothy, who was unmarried, continued Bishop of Ephesus until, when he was over eighty years of age, he was mortally beaten by the pagans.

Acts 16:4 Delivering the Encyclical

Acts 16:5 “they increased in numbers daily”

What are we not doing?

- What can we learn from Acts and Paul
- That is the purpose for this year of St. Paul.

Acts 16:6 Back in Galatia

Paul intended to go East to Asia

- The Holy Spirit would not allow them
- Instead they received the vision of a man beckoning them to come to Europe (Macedonia)

Docility to the Holy Spirit

- Use your reason and intelligence to make a plan
- Put the plan into action
- But if we try to go through one door and it closes
- Be docile and detached
- Wait for God to open a better door and walk through

Docility to the Holy Spirit like Paul requires

1. Daily meditation
2. Knowledge of the way the Holy Spirit works
 - “In the School of the Holy Spirit” by Jacques Philippe

Acts 16:8-9 Troas and a man of Macedonia (Greece)

Troas – here we have a beautiful and profound parallel between

1. Romulus and Remus and the founding of Rome
2. Peter and Paul the founders of the Roman Catholic Church

The early Christians saw Peter and Paul as the new Twin Founders not of Rome but of the Roman Catholic Church. Jesus is the founder of the Catholic Church and He built it upon Peter and Paul. This is why we celebrate the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul in Rome on November 18 each year.

Acts 16:10 Change in the narrative

- The transition into first person plural “we”
- Luke the Author of Acts joins Paul here

Luke was Greek and not a Jew. It is generally held that Luke was a native of Antioch

Acts 16: 11-12 Neapolis is the port of Philippi

Acts 16:14 Lydia

- Gentile woman who became a Jew “A worshipper of God”
- She becomes the 1st Christian convert in the West

Acts 16: 15-18 The next Sabbath they meet a slave girl possessed by the devil

Acts 16:19- 24

- The owners are outraged because their means of commerce has been destroyed
- They drag Paul and Silas before the Magistrates
- Accuse them of being Jews who are disturbing the peace
- Beaten with rods
- Thrown in prison

Acts 16:25-34

- Praying and singing hymns
- Great earthquake frees the prisoners
- Immediately the Jailer asks, “Men, what must I do to be saved?”

Acts 16:31-34

Acts 16:35-40