

## THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 16:6-15

### Introduction:

A. Jesus promised the church that it would have the presence of the Holy Spirit

- 1) John 16:7-16
- 2) The church received the "gifts" on the day of Pentecost. These were to be the "operatives" of the church. "Power", "doctrine", "morals", "direction", "inspiration".
- 3) Today we have the Bible

B. In these scriptures we see the Holy Spirit at work

- 1) The Holy Spirit worked with the saved
- 2) The Holy Spirit worked with unbelievers

### I. The Holy Spirit and Topographical Location Vs. 6-9

A. The Holy Spirit forbade them to preach in Asia

- 1) "forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia" Vs. 6
- 2) "forbidden" = koluo = "to cut off", "to weaken", hence "to hinder", "prevent", "restrain"
- 3) Paul wanted to go to Asia, the Holy Spirit hindered them and they went to the areas of Phrygia and Galatia
- 4) Gal. 4:11-15, 13-14

B. Paul wanted to preach in Bithynia, but the Holy Spirit, "suffered them not"

- 1) ouk + eao = "to let", "let be", "permit"
- 2) The "Spirit of Jesus" would not let it be. Paul wanted to preach in the North, but God drove him West to Troas Vs. 8, Troy
- 3) II Cor. 2:12-13
- 4) II Tim. 4:9-13

C. The call from Macedonia Vs. 9

- 1) "vision" = horama = "thing seen", "a sight", "spectacle"
- 2) "come over into Macedonia and help us"



II. How To Respond To The Holy Spirit Vs. 10

A. They responded immediately Vs. 10

- 1) "immediately" = heutheos = "at once"
- 2) "gathering" = subibaxomai = "to cause to put together", "to conclude by putting circumstances together"
- 3) What had the Lord called them to do? Vs. 10b

B. They took a "straight course" Vs. 11

- 1) heuthudromeo = "to run straight", "to sail with a straight course"
- 2) "one over-night stop"

C. They went to the chief city Vs. 12

- 1) "chief city" = first = "the first" The leading town in that province, (area of Macedonia)
- 2) "colony" = kolonia = Latin, A group of Romans sent to build a "little Rome" and to keep in close contact with Rome.
- 3) They waited on the Lord Vs. 12

III. Doing The Work The Holy Spirit Leads Us To Do Vs. 13-15

A. They went to worship Vs. 13a

- 1) The riverside, a temporary synagogue
- 2) Psalm 137: "By the reivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept"
- 3) These places were often enclosed by walls, perhaps in a circle, with no roof.

B. They taught those who came Vs. 13b

- 1) Jesus and the woman at the well
- 2) These women had come to pray
- 3) The Macedonian man was an Asian woman!

C. They taught the truth Vs. 14

- 1) Lydia heard them teach
- 2) The Lord, "opened her heart"
- 3) "opened" = dianoigo = "to open fully", "lay open what has formerly been closed"
- 4) She believed what Paul preached
- 5) "attended" = prosecho = "to hold to", "to bring near to", "to cleave to", "attach one's self to" She totally accepted and clung to his message.

D. They baptized people Vs. 15

- 1) "and when she was baptized"
- 2) "household" = oikos = "a house", "those dwelling in it"

E. They accepted hospitality

- 1) "come into my house"
- 2) "abide there"
- 3) "constrain" = parabiazomai = "to do a thing by force against nature or law", "to compel" (as though by over much entreaty)

F. They remembered the good that these Philippians did to them

- 1) Phil. 1:3-6
- 2) Phil. 4:15-