

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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PART 6: OBEDIENCE IN ALL THINGS

THE RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS

- There is no doubt in my mind that the dispute between Paul and Barnabas was not of God and not pleasing to Him. There is a judgment on incidents like this which take place on the earth while people still are alive.

THE FIGHT – Acts 15:36-39

THE SPIRITUAL LAW – Galatians 6:7-8

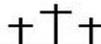
- Judgment does not always occur immediately and this was the case with Paul. Silas was also going to suffer because of the fight between Paul and Barnabas. He should have followed the teachings of Christ and refused to go with Paul until he repented and reconciled with Barnabas. **Matthew 5:21-26; 6:14-15**
- We can therefore conclude that neither Paul and Barnabas or their companions were in the will of God at this time.

THE ROAD TO JUDGMENT

- Once we are out of the will of God, discernment and wisdom will be diminished, and mistakes will be made. Paul had just been at the great council meeting in Jerusalem where the Holy Spirit had moved upon the apostles that circumcision was no longer needed for salvation, and yet, Paul circumcised Timothy. **Acts 15:1-31, 16:1-3**
- Paul later got a handle on this problem, and once it was clear in his mind, he wrote the following: **Galatians 5:1-6**
- Even though Paul was in confusion, he still moved through the churches in the region where he set up New Testament doctrine. **Acts 16:4-5**
- God was working out things in Paul's life, directing him out of Asia and into Europe, leading him to his upcoming judgment. **Acts 16:6-9; Romans 8:28-30**
- Paul was obedient to the Holy Spirit and changed his course of action to line up with God's plan. **Acts 16:10-12**
- The Gospel was preached again. **verses 13-15**

THE JUDGMENT

- God used a demon to bring Paul to his judgment. **verses 16-18**
- It is important to note that it was God's will that the demon be thrown out from the young woman but it was also God's will to punish Paul for his disobedience! **verses 19-24**



- ❑ I believe the Holy Spirit showed Paul and Silas the errors they had committed, and instead of complaining and getting angry with God, they understood that they had suffered for being disobedient to the Word of God. Therefore, in the midst of their great pain and suffering, they began to praise the Lord! **verse 25**
- ❑ God is merciful and forgiving and released his servants supernaturally. **verses 26-27; Psalm 103:1-14**
- ❑ At this time, Paul was back in full restoration with the Lord, instead of using this opportunity to flee the jail, he moved in the power of the Holy Spirit. As a result, the prison manager and his whole household received Christ and were born again. **verses 28-34**
- ❑ When we are right with God and moving in the Holy Spirit, we can be bold and challenge the powers to be in the world. **verses 35-40**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS?

1. First, in order to be obedient, we must know and understand the Word of God as we have it written in the Bible. **Hosea 4:1-6**
2. Secondly, we must be willing to renounce all rebellion and submit to the Word of God without any reservation or hesitation. **John 14:15**

Do you have an ear to hear with?