

Berea, the Receptive City: A Noble People

Acts 17:10–15

<p>1 <i>A night escape by Paul and Silas</i></p> <p>a. Led by a brave people</p> <p>b. Purpose: To save them so they could keep on proclaiming Christ</p> <p>2 <i>A concerned, God-fearing people</i></p> <p>3 <i>A receptive people</i></p> <p>4 <i>A people who honestly sought the truth</i></p> <p>5 <i>A thinking and searching people: They verified the message preached</i></p> <p>6 <i>An honest and decisive people: They believed what proved to be true</i></p> <p>7 <i>A courageous, protective, helpful and ministering people</i></p> <p>a. Enemies of the gospel pursued Paul — stirred up the people</p> <p>b. Believers were courageous and protective: Escorted Paul to Athens</p> <p>c. Believers were helpful and ministering</p>	<p>10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.</p> <p>11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.</p> <p>12 Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.</p> <p>13 When the Jews in Thessalonica learned that Paul was preaching the word of God at Berea, they went there too, agitating the crowds and stirring them up.</p> <p>14 The brothers immediately sent Paul to the coast, but Silas and Timothy stayed at Berea.</p> <p>15 The men who escorted Paul brought him to Athens and then left with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible.</p>
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