

The Conversion of Lydia

Acts 16:1-15

1. When Paul set out on his second missionary journey, why did he take Silas as a partner, instead of Barnabas?
2. What happened to Paul as he and Silas passed through Phrygia and Galatia, according to Galatians 4:13-15?
3. Why didn't Paul and Silas go into the populous region of Asia?
4. Why didn't they go into Bithynia as they had planned?
5. What happened at Troas?
6. What may we infer from the change of pronouns, (from "they" to "we" and "us"), in verses 8-11?

7. How far was it from Neapolis to Philippi?

8. Why didn't they preach in Neapolis?

9. What is meant by the phrase, "the chief city of that part of Macedonia and a colony"?

10. At what time of the week did they arrive in Philippi? How do you know?

11. Where did they preach in Philippi?

12. How do you think they discovered such a place?

13. Name three facts about Lydia.

14. Was Lydia's heart opened literally or metaphorically?

15. What, do you think now, was the reason for the prohibition that turned Paul aside from his preferred field of labor?

16. Does God answer the prayers of the unconverted by sending an enlightening influence of the Spirit in their hearts or by providentially bringing to them a preacher of the gospel who knows the way of salvation?

17. Did the Lord open Lydia's heart so that she "attended" unto the things which were spoken by Paul before or after they spoke, and she heard?

18. What is the final step in Lydia's conversion, and indeed, in all New Testament conversions?

19. What others were baptized besides Lydia?

20. Why would you say that no infants were baptized in the household of Lydia?

21. What is the first effect of Lydia's conversion, as shown by her conduct?

22. Why was it necessary for Paul and his company to be "constrained" to abide at Lydia's house?

23. Where was the first meeting place of the church at Philippi?

24. If they used the home of Lydia for a meeting place, why continue to go down to the riverside? How often did they meet?