

The Acts of the holie Apostles written by Luke the Evangelist.

The Argument

Christ, after his ascension, performed his promise to his Apostles, and sent them the holie Ghost, declaring thereby, that he was not only mindful of his Church, but would be the head and maintainer thereof for ever. Wherein also his mighty power appeareth, who notwithstanding that Satan and the world resisted never so much against this noble work, yet by a few simple men of no reputation, replenished all the world with the sound of his Gospel. And here, in the beginning of the Church, and in the increase thereof, we may plainly perceive the practice and malice which Satan continually useth to suppress, and overthrow the Gospel: he raiseth conspiracies, tumults, commotions, persecutions, slanders, and all kind of cruelty. Again we shall here behold the providence of God, who overthroweth his enemies' enterprises, delivereth his Church from the rage of tyrants, strengtheneth, and encourageth his most valiantly and constantly to follow their captain Christ, leaving as it were by this history a perpetual memory to the Church, that the cross is so joined with the Gospel, that they are fellows inseparable, and that the end of one affliction, is but the beginning of another. Yet nevertheless God turneth the troubles, persecutions, imprisonings and tentations of his, to a good issue, giving them as it were, in sorrow, joy: in bands, freedom: in prison, deliverance: in trouble, quietness: in death, life. Finally, this book containeth many excellent sermons of the Apostles and disciples, as touching the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. The mercy of God. Of the grace, and remission of sin through Jesus Christ. Of the blessed immortality. An exhortation to the ministers of Christ's flock. Of repentance, and fear of God, with other principal points of our faith so that this only history in a manner may be sufficient to instruct a man in all true doctrine and religion.

Chapter 1

7 The words of Christ and his Angels to the Apostles. 9 His ascension 14 Wherein the Apostles are occupied till the holie Ghost be sent 26 And of the election of Matthias.

I have made the former treatise, ô Theophilus, of all that JESUS began to do, and teach,

2 Until the day, that he was taken up, after that he through the holie Ghost, had given bcommandments unto the Apostles, whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he presented him self alive after that he had suffered, by many infallible tokens, being seen of them by the space of forty days, and speaking of those things which appertain to the kingdom of God.

4 And when he had gathered them together, he commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, *which, said he, ye have heard of me.

5 *For John in deed baptized with water, but ye shalbe baptized with the holie Ghost within these few days.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times, or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power,

8 But ye shall receive power of the holie Ghost, when he shall come on you: and ye shalbe witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he

was taken up: for a cloud took him up out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven, as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? This Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 ¶ Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount that is called the mount of olives, which is near to Jerusalem, containing a Sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper chamber, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philippe, and Thomas, Bartlemewe, & Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon zelotes, & Judas James' brother.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer & supplication with the women, and Marie the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶ And in those days Peter stood up in the middes of the disciples and said (now the number of names that were in one place, were about an hundred and twenty)

16 Ye men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the holie Ghost by the mouth of David spake before of Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained fellowship in this ministration.

18 He therefore hath purchased a field with the reward of iniquity: and when he had thrown down him self head long he brast a sunder in the middes, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it is known unto all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, in so much, that that field is called in their own language, Aceldama,

1 a Whereby is meant Christ's doctrine, and his miracles declared for the confirmation of the same.

2 b To preach the Gospel.

2 c Who as they were called by God, so had they their consciences assured by his holie Spirit.

3 d Whereby God reigns in us.

4 e Because they should be all witnesses of his ascension.

4 *Luke 24.49. John 14.26, 15.26 and 16.7.

5 *Mat 3.11, Mark 1.8, Luke 3.16, John 1.26, Chap 2.2, 11.16 & 19.4.

5 f That is, with those spiritual graces which Jesus only gives by his Spirit.

6 g This declares man's impatience who can not abide quietly till God's appointed time come, but would have all things accomplished according to their affections, read Zach 6.14.

7 h For this passes our capacity, and God reserves it to himself.

8 i To stand in the face of the whole world which signifies that they must enter into heaven by afflictions, and therefore must fight before they get the victory.

8 k Hereby they might learn that the Messias was not only for the Jews, but also for the Gentiles.

9 *Luke 24.51.

9 l Whereby they knew certainly whether he went.

10 m Which were Angels in men's form.

11 n And seeking him with carnal eyes.

11 o As the true redeemer to gather us unto him.

12 p Which was two mile, according to the Jew's tradition, albeit it was not so appointed by the Scriptures.

14 q A lively pattern to learn how to dispose ourselves to receive the gifts of the holy Ghost.

14 r Partly to obtain the holy Ghost, and partly to be delivered from the present dangers.

14 ^Or, wives.

15 ^Or, men.

16 s The offense, which might have come by Judas' fall, is hereby taken away, because the Scripture had so forewarned.

16 *Psal 41.9.

16 *John 13.18.

17 ^Or, portion.

18 t Perpetual infamy is the reward of all such as by unlawfully gotten goods buy anything.

18 *Mat. 27.5.

that is, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, *Let his habitation be void, and let no man dwell therein: *also, Let another take his ^charge.

21 Wherefore, of these men which have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus was ^conversant among us,

22 Beginning from the Baptism of John, unto the day that he was taken up from us, must one of them be made a witness with us of his ^uresurrection.

23 And they presented two, Joseph called Barsabas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, saying, Thou Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shewe whether of these two ^xthou hast chosen,

25 That he may take the room of this ministration and Apostleship, from which Judas hath gone astray, to go to his own place.

26 Then they gave forth their lots: and the lot fell on Matthias, & he was by a common consent counted with the Eleven Apostles.

Chapter 2

3 The Apostles having received the holie Ghost, make their hearers astonished 14 When Peter had stopped the mouths of the mockers, he sheweth by the visible graces of the holie Spirit that Christ is come. 41 He baptizeth a great number that were converted. 42 The godlie exercise, charity, and divers virtues of the faithful.

And when the ^aday of Pentecost was come, they were ^ball with one accord in one place.

2 And *suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing *and* mighty ^cwind, & it filled all the house where they sat. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven ^dtongues, like ^efire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the holie Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them ^uutterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, men that feared God, of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was ⁱnoised, the multitude came together and were astonished, because that every man heard them speak his own language.

7 And they wondered all, and marveled, saying among them selves, Behold, are not all these which speak, of Galilee?

8 How then hear we every man our own ^llanguage, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, & of Cappadocia, of Pontus, & Asia,

20 *Psal 69.25.

20 *Psal 109.8.

20 ^Or, ministry.

21 ^Greek, went in and went out.

22 u In that he mentioned the principle article of our faith, he comprehended also the rest.

24 x To the intent that he that should take in hand the excellent office of an Apostle, might be chosen by the authority of God.

Chapter 2

1 a The holie Ghost was sent when much people was assembled in Jerusalem at the feast, Ex. 23.15, Lev. 23.14, Deu. 16.9, because the thing might not only be known there, but also through the world.

1 b That is, the Apostles.

2 *Chap 1.5, 11.15, and 19.6, Mat. 3.11, Mar 1.8, Luk 3.16.

2 c Whereby is signified the holie Ghost.

3 d This sign agrees with the thing, which is signified thereby.

3 e To declare the virtue, and force that should be in them.

4 ^Or, to speak.

6 f How the Apostles spoke divers languages.

8 g For they could speak all languages, so that they were able to speak to every man in his own language.

10 And of Phrygia, and Pamphilia, of Egypt, and of the parties of Lybia, which is beside Cyrene, and ^hstrangers of Rome, and ⁱJews, and ^jproselytes,

11 Cretes, and Arabians: we heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful *works* of God.

12 They were all then amazed, and doubted, saying one to another, What may this be?

13 And others ^kmocked, and said, They are full of ^lnew wine.

14 ¶ But Peter standing with the Eleven, lift up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, *and* ye all that inhabit Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words.

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, since it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that, which was spoken by the ^lProphet *Joel,

17 And it shalbe in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all ^mflesh, and your sons, and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your ⁿold men shall dream dreams.

18 And on my servants, and on mine handmaids I will ^opower out of my Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will shewe wonders in heaven above, and tokens in the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and the vapor of smoke.

20 *The ^psun shalbe turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

21 And it shalbe, *that whosoever shall call on the ^qName of the Lord, shalbe saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words, JESUS of Nazaret, a man approved of God among you with great works, and wonders, and signs, which God did by him in the middes of you, as ye your selves also know:

23 Him, I say, have ye taken by the hands of ^rthe wicked, being delivered by the ^sdeterminate counsel, and ^tforeknowledge of God, and have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, and losed the ^vsorrows of death, because it was unpossible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David saith concerning him, *I beheld the Lord always before me: for he is at my ^wright hand, that I should not be shaken.

10 ^Or, those that dwelt at Rome.

10 h Whose ancestors were not of the Jewish nation, but were converted to the Jew's religion, which their children did profess.

10 i That is, such as were converted to the Jewish religion, which were before pagans and idolaters.

13 k There is no work of God so excellent, which the wicked scoffers do not deride.

13 ^Or, sweet.

16 l He expounds Joel's mind without binding himself to his words.

16 *Joel 2.28, Isa 44.3.

17 m Or man: meaning young and old, man and woman.

17 n Meaning, that God will show himself very familiarly and plainly both to old and young.

18 o Even in great abundance.

20 *Joel 2.31.

20 p God will show such sighs of his wrath through all the world, that men shall be no less amazed then if the whole order of nature were changed.

21 *Rom 10.13.

21 q He teaches this remedy to avoid the wrath, and threatenings of God, and to obtain salvation.

23 r God caused their wickedness to set forth his glory contrary to their minds.

23 s As Judas' treason and the Jews cruelty towards Christ were most detestable, so were they not only known to the eternal wisdom of God, but also directed by his immutable counsel to a most blessed end.

23 ^Or, providence.

24 t Both as touching the pain, and also the horror of God's wrath & curse.

25 *Psal 16.8.

25 u To signify that nothing can comfort us in our afflictions except we know that God is present with us.

26 Therefore did mine heart rejoyce, and my tongue was glad, and moreover also my flesh shall rest in ^xhope,
 27 Because thou wilt not leave my [^]soul in grave, neither wilt suffer thine holie one to [^]see corruption.
 28 Thou hast shewed me the ^yways of life, and shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.
 29 Men and brethren, I may boldly speak unto you of the Patriarch David, ^{*}that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre remaineth with us unto this day.
 30 Therefore, seeing he was a [^]Prophet, and knew that God had ^{*}sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins he would raise up Christ concerning the flesh to set him upon his throne,
 31 He knowing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that ^{*}his [^]soul should not be left in [^]grave, neither his flesh should [^]see corruption.
 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
 33 Since then that he by the ^bright hand of God hath been exalted, and hath [^]received of his Father the promise of the holie Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear.
 34 For David is not ascended into heaven, but he saith, ^{*}The Lord said to my Lord, [^]Sit at my right hand,
 35 Until I [^]make thine enemies thy footstool.
 36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for a surety, that God hath [^]made him both Lord, and Christ, this Jesus, *I say*, whom ye have crucified.
 37 Now when they heard it, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the other Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
 38 Then Peter said unto them, Amend your lives, and be [^]baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins: & ye shall receive the ^hgift of the holie Ghost.
 39 For the promise ⁱis made unto you, and to your children, & to all that are a faroff, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.
 40 And with many other words he [^]besought, and exhorted *them*, saying, Save your selves from this forward generation.
 41 Then they that gladly received his word, were baptized: and the same day, there were added *to the Church* about three thousand [^]souls.

26 x Our hope stands in God's defense.

27 [^]Or, life or, person.

27 [^]Or, feel.

28 y In restoring me from death to life.

29 ^{*}1 King 2.10, Chap 13.36.

30 z And so knew by revelation and special promise that which else he could not have known.

30 ^{*}Psal 132.11.

31 ^{*}Psal. 16.10., Chap 13.35.

31 [^]Or, person.

31 a The word signifies a place where one can see nothing.

31 [^]Or, feel.

33 b By the virtue and power.

33 c He obtained of his father power to accomplish the promise which he made to his Apostles, as touching the holie Ghost to be sent unto them.

34 ^{*}Psal 110.1.

34 d And therefore Christ does far excel David.

35 e Christ is the only redeemer unto whom all powers are subject and must obey.

36 f That is, has appointed as King and ruler: and note, that in all this Sermon Peter speaks of Christ's manhood, as he was dead, buried, risen and ascended to heaven.

37 g He speaks not here of the form of baptism, but teaches that the whole effect thereof consists in Jesus Christ.

37 h The visible signs.

37 i Christ is promised both to the Jews and Gentiles, but the Jews have the first place.

40 [^]Or, protested before God.

41 [^]Or, persons.

42 And they continued in the Apostles' doctrine, and ^kfellowship, and ^lbreaking of bread, and prayers.

43 ¶ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles.

44 And all that believed, were in one place, and had all things ^{*}common.

45 And they sold their possessions and ^mgoods and parted them to all men, as every one had need.

46 And they continued daily with one accord in the Temple, ^{*}and ⁿbreaking bread [^]at home, did eat their meat together with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and had favor with all the people: and the Lord added to the Church [^]from day to day, such as should be saved.

Chapter 3

The lame is restored to his feet 13 Peter preacheth Christ unto the people.

Now Peter and John went up together into the Temple, at the ⁿninth hour of prayer.

2 And a certain man which was a cripple from his mother's womb, was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple called Beautiful, to ask ^balms of them that entered into the Temple.

3 Who seeing Peter and John, that they would enter into the Temple, desired to receive an alms.

4 And Peter earnestly beholding him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, trusting to receive some thing of them.

6 Then said Peter, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I [^]have, that give I thee: In the [^]Name of Jesus Christ of Nazaret rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lift *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaped up, stood, and walked, and entered with them into the Temple, walking and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walk, and praising God,

10 And they knew him, that it was he which sat for the alms at the Beautiful gate of the Temple: and they were amazed, and sore astonied at that, which was come unto him.

11 ¶ And as the cripple which was healed, held Peter and John, all the people ran amazed unto them in the porch which is called Solomon's.

12 So when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so steadfastly on us, as though by our own [^]power or godliness, we had made this

42 k Which stands in brotherly love, and liberality, Rom. 15.26, 2 Cor. 9.13, Ebr. 13.16.

42 l Which was the ministration of the Lord's supper.

44 ^{*}Chap 4.32.

45 m Not that their goods were mingled all together: but such order was observed that every man frankly relieved another's necessity.

46 ^{*}Chap 20.7.

46 n They did eat together, and at these feasts did use to minister the Lord's supper, 1 Cor 11.20, Jude 12.

46 [^]Or, from house to house.

47 o Whereby we see that the Apostles travailed not in vain.

Chapter 3

1 a Which is with us, three o'clock after noon, which was their evening sacrifice, at which the Apostles were present to teach, when the shadows of the Law were abolished by that lamb that took away the sins of the world.

2 b Because his disease was incurable, he gave himself to live of alms.

6 c He had the gift of healing sickness.

6 d In the virtue of Jesus: for Christ was the author of this miracle, and Peter was the minister.

12 e He corrects the abuse of men who attribute that to man's holiness, which only appertains to God.

man go?

13 The GOD of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, the *GOD of our fathers hath glorified his Son Jesus, whom ye betrayed, and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had judged him to be delivered.

14 *But ye denied the holie one and the just, and desired a ⁱmurderer to be given you,

15 And killed the Lord of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his ^oName hath made this man sound, whom ye see, and know, through faith in ^hhis [^]Name: and the faith which is by him, hath given to him this disposition of his whole body in the presence of you all.

17 And now brethren, I know that through ^hignorance ye did it, as *did* also your ⁱgovernors.

18 But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his Prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath thus fulfilled.

19 Amend your lives therefore, and turn, that your sins may be put away, when the time of refreshing ^kshall come from the presence of the Lord.

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.

21 Whom the heaven must ⁱcontain until the time that all things ^mbe restored, which God had spoken by the mouth of all his holie Prophets since the world began.

22 *For Moses said unto the Fathers, The Lord your God shall raise up unto you a Prophet, *even* of your ⁿbrethren like unto me: ye shall hear him in all things, whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 For it shalbe that every person which shall not hear that Prophet, shalbe destroyed out of the people.

24 Also all the Prophets from Samuel, and thence forth as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the ^ochildren of the Prophets, and of the covenant, which God hath made unto our fathers, saying to Abraham, *Even in thy seed shall all the ^pkindreds of the earth be ^oblessed.

26 First unto you hath God raised up his Son Jesus, and him he hath sent to bless you, in ⁱturning every one of you from your iniquities.

Chapter 4

3 Peter and John delivered out of prison, preach the Gospel boldly 10 They confess plainly the Name of Christ. 16 They are commanded to preach no more in that name. 24 They pray for

13 *Chap 5.30.

14 *Mat. 27.20, Mar 15.11, Luk 23.18, John 18.40.

14 f To wit, Barrabbas.

16 g To wit, God's Name, whereby it appears that they did strive against God.

16 *1 Peter 1.21.

16 ^Or, in Christ.

17 h He does not excuse their malice, but because that ignorance and a blind zeal led many, he puts them in hope of salvation.

17 i He means some, and not all.

17 k When Jesus shall come to judge the world, you shall know that he will be your redeemer and not your Judge.

21 l We therefore believe constantly, that he is in none other place.

21 m Which is begun and continues but the full accomplishment, and perfection is deferred to the last day.

22 *Deut 18.15, Chap 7.37.

22 n Of the stock of Abraham.

25 o Because they came of the same nation, and therefore were heirs of the same promise which appertained to the whole body of the people.

25 *Gen 12.3, Gal 3.8.

25 p Both Jew and Gentile.

25 q None are blessed but in Christ.

26 r So that our regeneration and newness of life is enclosed under this blessing.

the good success of the Gospel. 32 The increase, unity and charity of the Church.

And as they spake unto the people, the Priests and the ^acaptain of the Temple, & the Sadducees came upon them, 2 Taking it grievously that they taught the people, and preached in Jesus' *Name* the ^bresurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold, until the next day: for it was now even tide.

4 Howbeit, many of them which heard the word, believed, and the number of the men was about ^cfive thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and Elders, and Scribes, were gathered together at Jerusalem,

6 And Annas the chief Priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, & as many as were of the kindred of the high Priests.

7 And when they had set them before them, they asked, By what power, or ^din what Name have ye done this?

8 Then Peter full of the ^eholie Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and Elders of Israel,

9 For asmuch as we this day are examined of the ⁱgood deed *done* to the impotent man, *to wit*, by what means he is made whole,

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazaret, whom ye have crucified, whom God raised again from the dead, *even* by him doeth this man stand here before you, whole.

11 *This is the stone cast a side, of you ^obuilders, which is become the head of the ^hcorner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for among men there is given none other name ⁱunder heaven, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, & understood that they were unlearned men & without knowledge, they marveled, and knew them, that they had been with Jesus:

14 And beholding also the man which was healed standing with them, they had nothing to say against it.

15 Then they commanded them to go aside out of the Council, and ^kconferred among them selves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for surely a manifest sign is done by them, *and it is* openly known to all them that dwell in Jerusalem: and we can not deny it.

17 But that it be noised no farther among the people, let us threaten and charge them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this *Name*.

18 So they called them, and commanded them, that in ^mno wise they should speak or teach in the Name of Jesus.

19 But Peter & John answered unto them, & said, Whether it be right in the sight of God, to obey you rather than God, judge ye.

20 For we can not but speak the things which we have ⁿseen and heard.

1 a It is to be thought that this was the Captain of the Roman's garrison.

2 b The Sadducees were great enemies to this doctrine.

4 c The whole Church was increased to this number.

7 d By whose authority or commandment?

8 e For he could not have so spoken of himself.

9 f Judges ought not to condemn, but approve and commend that which is well done.

11 *Psal 118.22, Isa 28.16, Mat 21.42, Mar 12.10, Luk 20.17, Rom 9.33, 1 Pet 2.7.

11 g Meaning Priests, Elders and Governors.

11 h For to uphold the weight and force of the building.

12 i That is, none other cause or mean.

15 k The wicked still rage against Christ, though their own conscience do condemn them.

17 l They gave commandment to preach Christ no more.

18 m They prefer their authority to the ordinance of God.

20 n To the intent that we should bear witness, and preach them.

21 So they ^othreatened them, and let them go, and found nothing how to punish them, because of the people: for all men praised God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty year old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

23 Then assoon as they were let go, they come to their ^pfellows, & shewed all that the high Priests & Elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard it, they lift up their voices to God with one accord, & said, O Lord, thou art the God which hast made the heaven and the earth, the sea, & all things that are in them.

25 Which ^qby the mouth of thy servant David hast said, *Why did the Gentiles rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The Kings of the earth assembled, and the rulers came together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For ^rdoubtless, against thine holie Son Jesus, whom thou haddest ^sanointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel gathered them selves together,

28 To do whatsoever thine ^thand, and thy ^ucounsel had determined before to be done.

29 And now, ^o Lord, behold their ^xthreatenings, and ^ygrant unto thy servants with all boldness to speak thy word,

30 So that thou stretch forth thine hand, that healing, and signs, and wonders may be done by the Name of thine holie Son Jesus.

31 And when as they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all ^zfilled with the holie Ghost, and they spake the word of God ^aboldly.

32 And the multitude of them that believed, were of one heart, & of one ^bsoul: neither any of them said, that any thing of that which he possessed, was his ^cown, but they had all things ^dcommon.

33 And with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: & great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them, that ^elacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses, sold them, and brought the price of the things that were sold,

35 And laid it down at the Apostles' feet, and it was distributed unto every man, ^faccording as he had need.

36 Also Joses which was called of the Apostles, Barnabas (that is by interpretation the son of consolation) being a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus,

37 Where as he had land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it down at the Apostles' feet.

Chapter 5

21 ^o God has put a ring through the wicked's noses so that he stays them from their mischievous purposes.

23 ^p To encourage one another, and to glorify God.

25 ^q They ground their prayers upon God's promise, who had assured that he would enlarge the kingdom of Christ.

25 *Psal 2.1.

27 ^r This is the verifying of the prophecy.

27 ^s And appointed to be King.

28 ^t Power, and justice.

28 ^u All things are done by the force of God's purpose, according to the decree of his will, Ephe 1.11.

29 ^x Aswage their rage and malice which they enterprise against thee.

29 ^y They seek not how to live at ease, but whereby they may most glorify God.

31 ^z This was a sign of God's presence & the performance of his promise.

31 ^a This boldness and constancy declared that their prayers took effect.

32 ^b Of one mind, will, consent and affection.

32 ^c Their hearts were so joined in God, that being all members of one body, they could not suffer their fellow members to be destitute.

32 *Chap 2.44.

34 ^d As the Apostles suffered none to lack, so S Paul commanded, that no idle loiters be maintained, 2 Thes. 3.10.

35 ^e The goods were not alike divided among all, but as every man had want, so was his necessity moderately relieved.

5 *The hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira is punished* 12 *Miracles are done by the Apostles* 17 *They are taken, but the Angel of God bringeth them out of prison* 29 *Their bold confession before the Council* 34 *The counsel of Gamaliel.* 40 *The Apostles are beat, and rejoice in trouble.*

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And ^akept away *part* of the price, his wife also being of counsel, and brought a certain part, and laid it down at the Apostles' feet.

3 Then said Peter, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart, that thou shouldst lie unto the holie ^bGhost, and keep away *part* of the price of the possession?

4 Whiles it remained, ^cappertained it not unto thee? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own ^dpower? how is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down, and gave up the ghost. Then great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men rose up, and took him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.

7 And it ^ecame to pass about the space of three hours after, that his wife came in, ignorant of that which was done.

8 And Peter said unto her, Tell me, sold ye the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, Why have ye agreed together, to ^ftempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thine husband, *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then she fell down straight way at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and carried her out, and buried her by her husband.

11 And great fear came on all the Church, and on as many as heard these things.

12 Thus by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders shewed among the people (and they were all with one accord in ^gSolomon's porch.

13 And of the other ^hdurst no man join him self to them: nevertheless the people ⁱmagnified them,

14 Also the number of them that believed in the Lord, both of men and women, grew more and more)

15 In somuch that they brought the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least way the shadow of Peter, when he came by, might shadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with

2 ^a Which signified their sacrilege, distrust, and hypocrisy.

3 ^b Who moved your heart to sell your possession: where as you turned part to another use, as if God did not see your dissimulation.

4 ^c His sin therefore was so much greater in that he committed it willingly.

4 ^d Then no man was compelled to sell his possessions, nor to put his money to the common use.

7 ^e Because that God so disposed it.

9 ^f And to mock him, as if he should not have known your crafty fetch, which declares that when men do anything of an evil conscience, they do not only pronounce the sentence of damnation upon themselves, but also provoke the wrath of God, because they do prove, as it were, purposely, whether God be righteous and almighty.

12 ^g Read the annotation upon the figure 1 Kings 6 page 152 (the court of the people, which 2 Chron 4.9 is called the great porch, and Act 3.11 the porch of Solomon. This court is oft in the new Testament taken for the Temple, Mat. 21.23, Act. 3.2. In this court Christ preached, and chased thence them that bought and sold.)

13 ^h Because of their own evil consciences which made them to tremble: for they that were not assured of God's mercies in Christ, were astonished at these his strange judgements.

13 ⁱ That is, they gave them great praise.

unclean spirits, who were all healed.

17 ¶ Then the chief Priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which was the sect of the ^kSadduces) and were full of indignation,

18 And laid hands on the Apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the Angel of the Lord, by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go your way, and stand in the Temple, and speak to the people all the words ^mof this life.

21 So when they heard it, they entered into the Temple early in the morning and taught. And the chief Priest came, and they that were with him, and called the Council together, and all the Elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison, to cause them to be brought.

22 But when the officer came, and found them not in the prison, they returned and told it,

23 Saying, Certainly we found the prison shut as sure as was possible, and the keepers ⁿstanding without, before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Then when the *chief* Priest, and the captain of the Temple, and the high Priests heard these things, they doubted of them, whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one & shewed them, saying, Behold, the men that ye put in prison, are standing in the Temple, & teach the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence (for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned)

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the Council, and the chief Priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you, that ye should not teach in this Name? and behold, ye have filled ^oJerusalem with your doctrine, and ye would bring this man's ^pblood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the Apostles answered, and said, We ought rather to obey God than ^qmen.

30 The ^r*God of our fathers hath raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God lift up with his right hand, *to be* a Prince and a ^sSaviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses concerning these things which we say: yea, and the holie Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey ^thim.

33 Now when they heard it, they brast for anger, and consulted to slay them.

34 Then stood there up in the Council a certain Pharise named Gamaliel, a doctor of the Law, honored of all the people, and commanded to put the Apostles forth a little space,

35 And said unto them, Men of Israel, take heed to your selves, what ye intend to do touching these men.

36 For before these times, rose up ^uTheudas boasting him self,

17 k Which then were the chief among them.

17 l They were full of blind zeal, emulation and jealousy, in defense of their superstition.

20 m That is, of the lively doctrine, whereby the way to life is declared.

23 n So that there was no fraud nor deceit, nor negligence, but it lively sets forth the power of God and his providence for his.

28 o He accused them of rebellion and sedition.

28 p And to make us guilty of Christ's death.

29 q When they command, or forbid us anything contrary to the word of God.

30 ^r*Chap 3.13.

31 r Meaning that he is the mediator and only mean between God and man.

32 s That is, Christ.

36 t This Theudas was above thirty years before him, of whom Josephus mentions, li 20 de Antiq chap 4. (5.1) that was after the death of Herod the Great, when Archelaus his son was at Rome, at what time Judea was full of insurrections: so that it is not sure to give credit to Eusebius in this point.

to whom resorted a number of men, about a four hundredth, who was slain: and they all which obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to naught.

37 After this man, arose up ^vJudas of Galile, in the days of the tribute, and drew away much people after him: he also perished, and all that obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say unto you, refrain your selves from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel, or this work be of men, it will come to naught:

39 But if it be of ^w*God, ye can not destroy it, lest ye be found even fighters against God.

40 And to him they agreed, and called the Apostles: and when they had beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 So they departed from the Council, rejoicing, that they were counted worthy to suffer rebuke for his Name.

42 And daily in the Temple, and from house to house they ceased not to teach, and preach Jesus Christ.

Chapter 6

3 Seven Deacons are ordained in the Church 8 The graces and miracles of Steven, whom they accused falsely.

And in those days, as the number of the disciples grew, there arose a murmuring of the ^xGrecians towards the Hebrews, because their widows were ^yneglected in the daily ministering.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not mete that we should leave the word of God to serve the ^ztables.

3 Wherefore brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, and full of the holie Ghost, and of wisdom, which we may appoint to this business.

4 And we will give our selves continually to prayer, and to the ministracion of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Steven a man full of ^{aa}faith and of the holie Ghost, and ^{ab}*Philippe, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a ^{ac}proselyte of Antiochia,

6 Which they set before the Apostles: and they prayed, and ^{ad}laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples was multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient to the ^{ae}faith.

8 ¶ Now Steven full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the ^{af}^bSynagogue, which are called

37 ^v Of him makes mention Josephus li 18 (6.1) where he speaks of the taxing, Luk 2.1.

39 ^w He grounds upon good principles, but he doubts of the quality of the cause, neither dare affirm whether it be good or bad: wherein appears he was but a worldeling.

Chapter 6

1 ^a Whose ancestors were Jews and dwelled in Grecia: therefore these spoke Greek, and not Hebrew.

1 ^b They were not looked unto in the distribution of the alms.

2 ^c That is, to make provision for the maintenance of the poor, forasmuch as they were not able to satisfy both the offices.

5 ^d He joined faith with the other gifts of the holie Ghost.

5 ^e *Chap 21.8.

5 ^e Meaning one that was turned to the Jewish religion.

6 ^f This ceremony the Jews observed in solemn sacrifices, Levi 3.2 & also in prayer & private blessings, Gen 48.14: likewise in the primitive Church it was used, either when they made ministers, or gave the gifts of the holie Ghost: which gifts being now taken away, the ceremony must cease.

7 ^g That is, to the Gospel, which is received by faith.

9 ^h Or college: divers nations had colleges at Jerusalem, wherein their youth was instructed, as we see in universities.

Libertines, and Cyrenians, and of Alexandria, and of them of Cilicia, and of Asia, and disputed with Steven.

10 But they were not able to resist the wisdom, and the Spirit by the which he spake.

11 Then they ^lsuborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and God.

12 Thus they moved the people and the Elders, and the Scribes: and running upon him, caught him, & brought him to the Council,

13 And set forth false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holie place, and the Law.

14 For we have heard him say, that ^kthis Jesus of Nazaret shall destroy this place, and shall change the ordinances, which Moses gave us.

15 And as all that sat in the Council, looked steadfastly on him, they saw his face as *it had been* the face of an Angel.

Chapter 7

Steven maketh answer by the Scriptures to his accusers. 51 He rebuketh the hardnecked Jews, 57 And is stoned to death. 58 Saul keepeth the tormentors clothes.

Then said the chief Priest, Are these things so? 2 And he said, Ye ^amen, brethren and fathers, harken. The God of ^bglorie appeared unto our father Abraham, while he was in ^cMesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 ^{*}And said unto him, Come out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land, which I shall shewe thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran. And after that his father was dead, God brought him from thence into this land, wherein ye now dwell,

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not the breadth of a foot: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, & to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. 6 But God spake thus, that his ^{*}seed should be a sojourner in a strange land, and that they should keep it in bondage, and entreat it evil ^dfour hundreth years.

7 But the nation to whom they shalbe in bondage, will I ^ejudge, saith God: and after that, they shall come forth and serve me in this place.

8 ^{*}He gave him also the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat ^{*}Isaac, and circumcised him the eight day: and Isaac begat ^{*}Jacob, and Jacob the twelve ^{*}Patriarchs.

9 And the Patriarchs moved with envy sold ^{*}Joseph into Egypt: but God was ⁱwith him,

11 ⁱ That is, instructed and set forth false witnesses: and thus malice seeks false shifts when truth fails her.

14 ^k They speak this in contempt.

15 ^l Not only a certain confidence, but also great majesty appearing in him.

Chapter 7

2 ^a Steven was accused that he denied God, and therefore he is more diligent to purge this crime.

2 ^b Hereby he is discerned from the false gods.

2 ^c He speaks here of Mesopotamia, as it contains Babylon and Chaldea in it.

3 ^{*}Gen. 12.1.

6 ^{*}Gen. 15.13.

6 ^d Beginning to reckon the years from the time that Isaac was born.

7 ^e Take vengeance of them and deliver my people.

8 ^{*}Gen. 17.9.

8 ^{*}Gen. 21.3.

8 ^{*}Gen. 25.24.

8 ^{*}Gen. 29.33, 30.5 and 35.23.

9 ^{*}Gen 37.28.

9 ^f That is, preserved and brought all things to a good issue.

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and ^{*}gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh King of Egypt, who made him governor over Egypt, and *over* his whole house.

11 ¶ Then came there a famine over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, & great affliction, that our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when ^{*}Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent our fathers first.

13 ^{*}And at the second time, Joseph was known of his brethren, and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph and caused his father to be brought, and all his kindred, even ^gthree score and fifteen souls.

15 So ^{*}Jacob went down into Egypt, and he ^{*}died, & our fathers,

16 And were removed into ^{*}Sychem, and were put in the sepulchre, that ^hAbraham had bought ^{*}for money of the sons of Emor, *son* of Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew near, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people ^{*}grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another King arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt ⁱsubtly with our kindred, and evil intreated our fathers, and made them to cast out their young children, that [^]they should not remain alive.

20 ^{*}The same time was Moses born, and was acceptable unto God, which was nourished up in his father's house three months.

21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 Now when he was full forty year old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

24 ^{*}And when he saw one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged his quarrel that had the harm done to him, and smote the Egyptian.

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understand, that God by his hand should give them deliverance: but they understood it not.

26 ^{*}And the next day, he shewed him self unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Syrs, ye are brethren: why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbor wrong, thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a prince, and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at that saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begate two sons.

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the ^{*}wilderness of mount Sina, an Angel of the Lord in a flame [^]of fire, in a bush.

10 ^{*}Gen. 41.37.

12 ^{*}Gen. 42.1.

13 ^{*}Gen. 45.4.

14 ^g After the Hebrew, three score and ten.

15 ^{*}Gen 46.5.

15 ^{*}Gen 49.33.

16 ^{*}Gen 50.7.

16 ^h It is probable that some writer through negligence put in Abraham in this place, instead of Jacob, who bought this field, Gen. 33.19, or, by Abraham he means the posterity of Abraham.

16 ^{*}Gen 23.16, Josh. 24.32.

17 ^{*}Exod. 1.7.

19 ⁱ He invented crafty ways both: to destroy the Israelites with over much labor, and also to get great profit by them, Exod. 1.10.

19 [^]Or, that their race should fail.

20 ^{*}Exod. 2.2, Ebr. 11.13.

24 ^{*}Exod. 2.11.

26 ^{*}Exod. 2.13.

30 ^{*}Exod. 3.2.

30 ^k This fire represented the furnace of affliction wherein the people of God were.

31 And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to consider it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, *saying,*

32 I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold it.

33 Then the Lord said to him, ^mPut off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest, is holie ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people, which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them: and now come, and I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they forsook, saying, Who made thee a prince & a judge? the same God sent for a prince, & a deliverer by the hands of the Angel, which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He ^{*}brought them out, doing wonders, and miracles in the land of Egypt, & in the red sea, & in the wilderness ^{*}forty years.

37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, ^{*}A ^oProphet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, *even* of your brethren, like unto me: him shall ye hear.

38 ^{*}This is he that was in the Congregation, in the wilderness with the ^oAngel, which spake to him in mount Sina, and with our fathers, who received the ^olivelie oracles to give unto us.

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but refused, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying unto Aaron, ^{*}Make us ^ogods that may go before us: for ^owe know not what is become of this Moses that brought us out of the land of Egypt.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned himself away, and ^{*}gave them up to serve the ^ohost of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets, ^{*}O house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

43 And ye ^otook up the tabernacle of ^{*}Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures, which ye made to worship them: therefore I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of ^owitness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto ^{*}Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which *tabernacle* also our fathers received, and brought in with ^{*}Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, which God drave out before our fathers, unto the days of David:

32 I Seeing this Angel called himself God, it declares that he was Christ the Mediator, who is the eternal God.

33 m In sign of reverence, read Exod 3.5.

36 ^{*}Exod. Chaps. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14.

36 ^{*}Ex. 16.1.

37 ^{*}Deut 18.15, Chap 3.22.

37 n He proves that Christ is the end of the Law and the Prophets.

38 ^{*}Exod 19.3.

38 o Moses was the Angel's or Christ's minister, & a guide to the fathers.

38 p By oracles is meant the sayings that God spoke to Moses.

40 ^{*}Ex. 32.1.

40 q Figures, or testimonies of the presence of God.

40 r Yet they knew he was absent for their commodity, and so would shortly return and bring them the Law.

42 ^{*}Rom. 1.24.

42 s As the sun, moon and other stars, Deut. 17.3.

42 ^{*}Amos 5.25.

42 t Your fathers began in wilderness to contemn mine ordinances, and you now far pass them in impiety.

43 u And carried it upon your shoulders.

43 ^{*}Levi 20.2.

44 x They ought to have been content with this covenant only, and not to have gone after their lewd fantasies.

44 ^{*}Exo 25.40 and 26.30, Ebr. 8.5.

45 ^{*}Jos 3.14.

46 ^{*}Who found favor before God, and desired that he might ^{*}find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 ^{*}But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High ^{*}dwelleth not in ^otemples made with hands, as saith the ^{*}Prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what ^ohouse will ye build for me, saith the Lord? or what place is it that I should rest in?

50 Hath not mine hand made all these things?

51 ^{*}Ye stiffnecked & of uncircumcised ^ohearts & ears, ye have always resisted the holie Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* you.

52 Which of the Prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them, which shewed before of the coming of that ^bJust, of whom ye are now the betrayers and murders,

53 ^{*}Which have received the Law by the ^oordinance of Angels, and have not kept it.

54 But when they heard these things, their hearts brast for anger, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth.

55 But he being full of the holie Ghost, looked steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glorie of God, and Jesus standing at ^othe right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens open, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.

57 Then they gave a shout with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ^oran upon him all at once,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the ^{*}witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, named Saul.

59 And they stoned Steven, who called on *God*, and said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, & cried with a loud voice, ^{*}Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had thus spoken, he slept.

Chapter 8

2 Steven is lamented and buried. 3 The rage of the Jews and of Saul against them. 4 The faithful scattered, preach here & there. 9 Samaria is seduced by Simon the sorcerer, but was converted by Philippe, and confirmed by the Apostles 18 The covetousness and hypocrisy of Simon, 26 And conversion of the Eunuch.

And Saul consented to his death, and at that time, there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem, and they were all scattered abroad through the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles.

2 Then *certain* men fearing God, ^acarried Steven amongs them,

46 ^{*}1 Sam. 13.14, Ps. 89.21.

46 ^{*}2 Sam. 7.2, Ps. 132.5, 1 Chron. 17.12.

47 ^{*}1 Kings 6.1.

48 ^{*}Chap 17.24.

48 y He reproves the gross dulness of the people which abused the power of God in that they would have contained it within the temple.

48 ^{*}Isa 66.1.

49 z God can not be contained in any space of place.

51 ^{*}Jer 9.26, Ezek 44.9.

51 a Which neither forsake your old wickedness, nor so much as hear when God speaks to you, but still rebel.

52 b Which is Jesus Christ who is not only just for his innocency, but because all true justice comes of him.

53 ^{*}Exo 19 and 20, Gal. 3.19, Ebr. 2.2.

53 c By their ministry or office.

55 d And reigning in his flesh, wherein he had suffered.

57 e This was done of furious violence and by no form of justice.

58 ^{*}Chap 22.20.

60 ^{*}Mat 5.44, Luk 23.34, 1 Cor 4.12.

Chapter 8

2 a From the place where he was stoned.

to be buried, and made great ^blamentation for him.

3 But Saul made havoc of the Church, and entered into every house, & drew out both men and women, & put them into prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad, went to and fro preaching the word.

5 ¶ Then came Philippe into the city ^cof Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people gave heed unto those things which Philippe spake, with one accord, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed of *them*: and many taken with palsies, and that halted, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 And there was before in the city a certain man called Simon, which used witchcraft, and bewitched the people of Samaria, saying, that he him self was some great man.

10 To whom they ^dgave heed from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great ^epower of God.

11 And they gave heed unto him, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But assoon as they believed Philippe, which preached the things that concerned the kingdom of God, and in the Name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.

13 Then Simon him self ^fbelieved also and was baptized, and continued with Philippe, and wondered, when he saw the signs and great miracles which were done.

14 ¶ Now when the Apostles, which were at Jerusalem, heard say, that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.

15 Which when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the ^gholie Ghost.

16 (For as yet, he was come down on none of them, but they were baptized ^honly in the Name of the Lord Jesus).

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the holie Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw, that through laying on of the Apostles' hands the holie Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay the hands, he may receive the holie Ghost.

20 Then said Peter unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou thinkest that the gift of God may be obtained with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor ⁱfellowship in this business: for thine heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 ^kRepent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, that if it be ^lpossible, the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

2 b When the Church is deprived of any worthy member, there is just cause of sorrow: and note that here is no mention of any relics or prayers for the dead, or worshipping.

5 c The conversion of Samaria was as it were the first fruits of the calling of the Gentiles.

10 d This declares how much more we are inclined to follow the illusions of Satan then the truth of God.

10 e This is the craft of Satan to cover all his illusions under the Name of God.

13 f The majesty of God's word forced him to confess the truth: but yet was he not regenerate therefore.

15 g Meaning the particular gifts of the holie Spirit.

16 h They had only received the common grace of adoption and regeneration which are offered to all the faithful in baptism, and as yet had not received the gift to speak in divers languages, & to do miracles.

21 i You are not worthy to be of the number of the faithful.

22 k That is, turn away from your wickedness.

22 l Hereby he would make him to feel his sin and not that he doubted of God's mercies, if he could repent.

23 For I see that thou art ^min the gall of ⁿbitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, & said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken, come upon me.

25 ¶ So they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the Gospel in many towns of the Samaritans.

26 Then the Angel of the Lord spake unto Philippe, saying, Arise, and go toward the South unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is ^owaste.

27 And he arose and went on: and behold, a certain ^pEunuch of Ethiopia Candace's the Queen of the Ethiopians chief Governour, who had the rule of all her treasure, and came to Jerusalem to worship:

28 And as he returned sitting in his chariot, he read Esaias the Prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philippe, Go near and join thy self to yonder chariot.

30 And Philippe ran thether, and heard him read the Prophet Esaias, and said, But understandest thou what thou reatest?

31 And he said, How can I, except I had a guide? And he desired Philippe, that he would come up and sit with him.

32 Now the place of the Scripture which he read, was this, *He was led as a sheep to the slaughter: and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.

33 ^qIn his humility his ^rjudgement hath been exalted: but who shall declare his ^sgeneration? for his life is taken from the ^tearth.

34 Then the Eunuch answered Philippe, and said, I pray thee of whom speaketh the Prophet this? of him self, or of some other man?

35 Then Philippe ^uopened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water, and the Eunuch said, See, *here is water*: what doeth let me to be baptized?

37 And Philippe said unto him, If thou believest with ^vall thine heart, thou maist. Then he answered, and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 Then he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philippe and the Eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 And assoon as they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philippe, that the Eunuch ^wsaw him no more: so he went on his way rejoicing.

23 m Or your heart is full of despitful malice, and devilish poison of impiety, so that now Satan has you tied as captive in his bands.

23 *Deut. 29.18.

26 n After that Alexander had destroyed it, it was not much peopled, as it was before, and therefore in respect was as waste.

27 o Eunuch signifies him that is gelded: but because in the East parts great affairs were committed to such, it came in use that noble men were called Eunuchs, although they were not gelded: also all manner officers and servants, that were put in credit or necessary affairs, were called by this name, as Isa. 39.7.

32 *Isa. 53.7.

33 p Albeit Christ was in grave & in death's bands, feeling also his Father's anger against sin, yet he brake the bands of death & was exalted, Act 2.24.

33 q The punishment which he suffered, was the beginning of his glory.

33 r That is, how long his age shall endure: for being risen from death, death shall no more reign, neither shall his kingdom ever have end: or else we may take generation, for his Church which never shall have end: for now they sit in the heavenly places with Christ their head, as Ephes 2.6.

33 s And he now reigns in heaven.

35 t He declared at length this matter of so great importance.

37 u With a pure and perfect heart.

39 x This was, to the intent that he might know so much the better that Philip was sent to him by God.

40 But Philippe [^]was found at [^]Azotus, and he walked to and fro preaching in all the cities, till he came to Cesarea.

Chapter 9

3 The conversion of Saul. 15 His vocation to the Apostleship 20 His zeal to execute the same 25 How he escapeth the Jew's conspiracies. 26 His access to the Apostles. 31 The prosperity of the Church. 34 Peter healeth Aeneas. 40 Raiseth Tabitha 42 He converteth many to Christ, 43 And lodgeth in a tanner's house.

And ^{*}Saul yet [^]breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high Priest, 2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the Synagogues, that if he found any that were of that [^]way (either men or women) he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 Now as he journeyed, it came to pass that as he was come near to Damascus, ^{*}suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven.

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice, saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against [^]prickes.

6 He *then* both trembling and astonied, said, Lord, what wilt thou that I do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou shalt do.

7 The men also which journeyed with him, stood amazed, hearing [^]his voice, but [^]seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the ground, and opened his eyes, *but* [^]saw no man. Then led they him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus,

9 Where he was three days without sight, and neither [^]ate nor drank.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias, and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am *here*, Lord.

11 Then the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas after one called Saul of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth.

12 (And he saw in a vision a man named Ananias coming in to him, & putting his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.)

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem.

14 Moreover here he hath authority of the high Priests, to bind all that call on thy Name.

15 Then the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a [^]chosen vessel unto me, to [^]bear my Name before the Gentiles, and

40 [^]Or perceived himself to be.

40 y Some think this city was also called Asdod, Jos. 15.47.

Chapter 9

1 ^{*}Gal 1.13.

1 a He persecuted with a great rage, and cruelty the innocent blood which he thirsted for: which declares where unto man is led by his rash zeal, before he have the true knowledge of God, Rom. 9.3.

2 b That is of that sect, or sort.

3 ^{*}Chap 22.6, 1 Cor. 15.8.

5 c That is, to resist God when he pricks and solicits our consciences.

7 d Meaning Saul's voice, as Chap 22.9.

7 e For only Saul knew that Jesus spoke unto him.

8 f For he was blind.

9 g He was so ravished with the vision that he did meditate nothing, but heavenly things and therewith was satisfied.

15 h A worthy servant of God and endued with excellent graces above others.

15 i To bear me witness, and set forth my glory.

Kings, and the children of Israel.

16 For I will shewe him, how many things he must suffer for my Name's sake.

17 Then Ananias went his way, and entered into the house, and put his hands on him, and said, Brother Saul, the Lord hath sent me (*even* Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest) that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the holie Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as *it had been* scales, and suddenly he received sight, & arose, & was baptized, 19 And received meat, and was strengthened. So was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straight way he preached Christ in the Synagogues, that he was the Son of God,

21 So that all that heard him, were amazed, and said, Is not this he, that destroyed them which called on this Name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he should bring them bound unto the high Priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, [^]confirming, that this was the Christ.

23 And after [^]that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together, to kill him.

24 But their laying await was known of Saul: now they [^]watched the gates day and night, that they might kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and put him through the wall, and let him down in a basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join him self with the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the Apostles, and declared to them, how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken unto him, and how he had spoken boldly at Damascus in the Name of Jesus.

28 And he [^]was conversant with [^]them at Jerusalem,

29 And spake boldly [^]in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and spake and disputed with the [^]Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 But when the brethren knew it, they brought him to Cesarea, and sent him forth to [^]Tarsus.

31 Then had the Churches rest through all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified, and walked in the fear of the Lord, and were multiplied by the comfort of the holie Ghost.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter walked through out all *quarters*, he came also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsie.

34 Then said Peter unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise and [^]make up thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And [^]all that dwelt at Lydda and [^]Saron, saw him, and turned to the Lord.

22 k Proving by the conference of the Scriptures.

23 l That was after three years, that he had remained at Damascus, and in the country about, Gal. 1.18.

24 ^{*}2 Cor. 11.32.

24 m The Governor at their request appointed a watch as he declares to the Corinthians.

28 [^]Greek, went in and out.

28 n With Peter and James, Gal. 1.19.

29 o Making open profession of the Gospel.

29 p Which were Jews, but so called because they were dispersed through Grecia and other countries.

30 q Because it was his own country, and there he might have some authority.

34 [^]Or, trusse your couch together.

35 r Meaning, the greatest part.

35 s A place so called, and not a city.

36 There was also at Joppa a certain *woman* a disciple named Tabitha (which by interpretation is called 'Dorcas) she was [^]full of good works and alms which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick and died: and when they had ^uwashed her, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 Now forasmuch as Lydda was near to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring that he would not delay to come unto them.

39 Then Peter arose and came with them: and when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber, where all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments, which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed, and turned him to the body, and said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, sat up.

41 Then he gave her the hand and lift her up, and called the ^xsaints and widows, and restored her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a [^]tanner.

Chapter 10

3 Cornelius admonished by the Angel, 7 He sendeth to Joppa 11 The vision that Peter saw. 17 How he was sent to Cornelius. 19 The Gentiles also receive the Spirit, and are baptized.

Furthermore there was a certain man in Cesarea called Cornelius, a captain of the band called the Italian *band*,

2 A devout man, and ^aone that feared God with all his household, which gave much alms to the people, & prayed God continually.

3 He saw in a vision evidently (about the ninth hour of the day) an Angel of God coming in to him, & saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 But when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are ^bcome up into remembrance before God.

5 Now therefore send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter.

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: **||** he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the Angel which spake unto Cornelius, was departed, he called two of his servants, and a soldier that feared God, one of them that waited on him,

8 And told them all things, and sent them to Joppa.

9 On the morrow as they went on their journey, and drew near unto the city, Peter went up upon the house to pray, about the ^csixth hour.

10 Then waxed he an hungred, and would have eaten: but while they made *some thing* ready, he fell into a trance.

11 And he saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel come down

36 t That is, a deer, or rebucke.

36 [^]Or, rich.

37 u To the intent they might bury her afterward: for this was their custom.

41 x For she was restored to life, rather that others might have occasion to believe, and glorify God, then for her own sake.

43 [^]Or, corser.

Chapter 10

2 a Who had forsaken all superstitions, and gave himself to the true service of God.

4 b That is, God did accept them: whereof it follows that he had faith: for else it is impossible to please God.

6 **||** He shall speak words unto thee whereby thou shalt be saved & all thine house.

9 c Which was midday.

unto him, *as it had been* a great sheet, knit at the four corners, and was let down to the earth.

12 Wherein were ^dall manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts and creeping things, and fowls of the heaven.

13 And there came a voice to him, Arise, Peter: kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord: for I have never eaten any thing that is [^]polluted, or unclean.

15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, The things that God hath ^epurified, ^fpollute thou not.

16 This was so done thrice: and the vessel was drawn up again into heaven.

17 ¶ Now while Peter doubted in him self what this vision which he had seen, meant, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius, had inquired for Simon's house, and stood at the gate, 18 And called, and asked, whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, and ^gdoubt nothing: for I have sent them.

21 ¶ Then Peter went down to the men, which were sent unto him from Cornelius, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the captain, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from heaven by an holie Angel, to send for thee into his house, and to hear thy words.

23 Then called ^hhe them in, and lodged them, and the next day, Peter went forth with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 ¶ And the day after, they entered into Cesarea. Now Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen, and special friends.

25 And it came to pass as Peter came in, that Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet and ^hworshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up: for even I my self am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he came in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew, to company or come unto one of another nation: but God hath shewed me, that I should not call any man [^]polluted, or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without saying nay, when I was sent for. I ask therefore, for what intent have ye sent for me.

30 Then Cornelius said, Four days ago, about this hour, I fasted, and at the ninth hour I prayed in mine house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter, (he is lodged in the house of Simon a tanner by the sea side) who when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Then sent I for thee immediately, and thou hast well done to

12 d As camels, horses, dogs, oxen, sheep, swine and such like which man nourishes for his use.

14 [^]Or, common.

15 e In taking away the difference betwixt unclean beasts and clean he shows there is no difference betwixt the Jews and Gentiles.

15 f Take it not for polluted and impure.

20 g Then true obedience which precedes of faith, ought to be without doubt or questioning.

23 [^]Or, Peter.

25 h Showed too much reverence, and far passing decent order, as though Peter had been God.

28 [^]Or, common.

come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive, that *God is no acceptor of persons.

35 But in every nation he that ^lfeareth him, and worketh ^krighteousness, is accepted with him.

36 Ye know the word which God hath sent to the children of Israel, preaching ^lpeace by Jesus Christ, which is Lord of all.

37 *Even* the word which came through all Judea ^{*}beginning in Galile, after the baptism which John preached,

38 *To wit*, how God ^manointed Jesus of Nazaret with the holie Ghost, and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom they slew, hanging him on a tree.

40 Him God raised up the third day, and caused that he was shewed openly:

41 Not to all the people, but unto the witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us which did eat and drink with him, after he arose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, & to testify, that it is he that is ordained of God a judge of quick and dead.

43 To him also give all the ^{*}Prophets witness, that through his Name all that believe in him, shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the holie Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 So they of the circumcision which believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the holie Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man ⁿforbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the holie Ghost, as well as we?

48 So he commanded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord ^{ll}. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Chapter 11

4 Peter sheweth the cause wherefore he went to the Gentiles 18 The Church approveth it 21 The Church increaseth. 22 Barnabas and Paul preach at Antiochia 28 Agabus prophecieth dearth to come. 29 And the remedie.

Now the Apostles and the brethren that were in Judea, heard, that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they of the circumcision ^acontended against him,

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and has eaten with them.

34 *Deu. 10.17, 2 Chron. 19.17, Job 34.19, Wisd. 6.7, Eccles. 35.12, Rom. 2.11, Gal. 2.6, Ephe. 6.9, Col. 3.25, 1 Pet. 1.17.

35 ⁱ By this speech the Ebrewes mean the whole religion of God, which without faith profits us nothing.

35 ^k That is, he that is upright and does hurt to no man, but does good to all.

36 ^l Meaning the reconciliation between God and man through Christ Jesus, Luk. 2.14.

37 *Luk. 4.14.

38 ^m That is, endued him with graces and gifts above all others.

43 *Jere. 31.34, Micah 7.18, Chap. 15.9.

47 ⁿ We ought not to debarre them of baptism whom God testifies to be his: for seeing they have the principal, that is less, ought not to be denied them. 48 ^{ll} Jesus Christ.

Chapter 11

2 ^a For they could not yet comprehend this secret, which was hid from the Angels themselves, even from the creation of the world, Eph. 3.9, Col. 1.26.

4 Then Peter began, and expounded *the thing* in order to ^bthem, saying,

5 I was in the city of Joppa, praying, & in a trance I saw *this* vision, A certain vessel coming down as *it had been* a great sheet, let down from heaven by the four corners, and it came to me.

6 Toward the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the heaven.

7 Also I heard a voice, saying unto me, Arise, Peter: slay & eat.

8 And I said, God forbid, Lord: for nothing polluted or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me the second time from heaven, The things that God hath purified, pollute thou not.

10 And this was done three times, and all were taken up again into heaven.

11 Then behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cesarea unto me.

12 And the Spirit said unto me, that I should go with them, without doubting: moreover these six brethren came with me, and we entered into the man's house.

13 And he shewed us, how he had seen an Angel in his house, which stood and said to him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter.

14 He shall speak words unto thee, whereby both thou and all thine house shalbe saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the holie Ghost fell on them, ^{*}even as upon us at the beginning.

16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ^{*}John baptized with water, but ye shalbe ^bbaptized with the holie Ghost.

17 For as much then as God gave them a like gift, as *he did* unto us, when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could let God ^{||}?

18 When they heard these things, ^dthey held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted ^erepentance unto life.

19 ¶ And they which were ^{*}scattered abroad because of the [^]affliction that arose about Steven, walked throughout till they came unto Phenice and Cyprus, and Antiochia, preaching the word to no man, but unto the Jews only.

20 Now some of them were men of Cyprus and of Cyrene, which when they were come into Antiochia, spake unto the ⁱGrecians, and preached the Lord Jesus.

21 And the ^ghand of the Lord was with them so that a great number believed and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of those things came unto the ears of the Church, which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas that he should go unto ^hAntiochia.

23 Who when he was come and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted all, that with purpose of heart they would [^]cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the holie Ghost, and faith,

4 ^b He purges his fact before the Church.

15 *Chap. 2.4 and 3.6.

16 *Chap. 1.5 and 19.4, Mat. 3.11, Mar. 1.8, Luk. 3.16, John 1.26.

16 ^c That is, indued with the graces of the holie Ghost.

17 ^{ll} Not to give them the holie Ghost?

18 ^d Their modesty declares that they were not ashamed to unsay that whereof they had unjustly blamed Peter.

18 ^e This repentance depends upon faith.

19 *Chap. 8.1.

19 [^]Or, trouble.

20 ^f He means not the Jews which being scattered abroad in divers countries were called by this name, but the Grecians, which were Gentiles.

21 ^g The power and virtue.

22 ^h This was the most famous city of Syria, and bordered upon Cilicia.

23 [^]Or, continue with the Lord.

and much people joined them selves unto the Lord.
 25 ¶ Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus to seek Saul:
 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antiochia,
 and it came to pass that a whole year they were conversant with
 the Church, and taught much people, inso much, that the
 disciples were first called 'Christians in Antiochia.
 27 In those days also came Prophets from Jerusalem unto
 Antiochia.
 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified
 by the ^hSpirit, that there should be great famine throughout all the
 world, which also came to pass under Claudius Cesar.
 29 Then the disciples, every man according to his habilitie,
 'purposed to send succor unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea.
 30 Which thing they also did, and sent it to the Elders, by the
 hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Chapter 12

1 Herod persecuteth the Christians. 2 He killeth James, 4 And putteth Peter in prison. 7 Whom the Lord delivereth by an Angel. 21 The horrible death of Herod. 24 The Gospel flourisheth. 25 Barnabas and Saul returning to Antiochia take John Mark with them.

Now about that time, ^aHerod the King stretched forth *his* hands
 to vex certain of the Church.
 2 And he killed James the ^bbrother of John with the sword.
 3 And when he saw that it ^cpleased the Jews, he proceeded further,
 to take Peter also (then were the days of unleavened bread)
 4 And when he had caught him, he put him in prison, and
 delivered him to ^dfour quaternions of soldiers to be kept,
 intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.
 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer was made of
 the Church unto God for him.
 6 And when Herod would have brought him out unto the people,
 the same night slept Peter between two soldiers, bound with two
 chains, and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
 7 *And behold, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, & a light
 shined in the house, & he smote Peter on the side, & raised him
 up, saying, Arise quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
 8 And the Angel said unto him, Gird thy self, and bind on thy
^esandals. And so he did. Then he said unto him, Cast thy
 garment about thee, and follow me.
 9 So *Peter* came out & followed him, & knew not that it was true,
 which was done by the Angel, but thought he had seen a vision.
 10 Now when they were past the first & the second watch, they
 came unto the yron gate, that leadeth unto the city, which
 opened to them by it's own accord, & they went out, and passed
 through one street, and by and by the Angel departed from him.
 11 ¶ And when Peter was come to him self, he said, Now I know
 for a truth, that the Lord hath sent his Angel, and hath delivered
 me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the ^fwaiting for of the
 people of the Jews.
 12 And as he considered *the thing*, he came to the house of

26 i Where as before they were called disciples, now they are named Christians.
 28 k This prophecy was an occasion to the Antiochians to relieve the necessity
 of their brethren in Jerusalem.
 29 l To signify that it came of a charitable mind towards them.

Chapter 12

1 a Who was called Agrippa the son of Aristobul: he was nephew unto Herod the
 Great, and brother of Herodias.
 2 b There was another so named which was the son of Alpheus.
 3 c It came then of no zeal nor religion, but only to flatter the people.
 4 d The number being sixteen was divided by fours, to keep divers wards.
 7 *Chap. 5.19.
 8 e Read Mark 6.9.
 11 f For they thought that Herod would have put his to death, as he had
 purposed.

Marie, the mother of John, whose surname was Mark, where
 many were gathered together and prayed.

13 And when Peter knocked at the entry door, a maid came forth
 to hearken, named Rhode.

14 But when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the entry
door for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the
 entry.

15 But they said unto her, Thou art mad. Yet she affirmed it
 constantly, that it was so. Then said they, It is his ^gAngel.

16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened it,
 and saw him, they were astonied.

17 And he beckoned unto them with the hand, to hold their
 peace, and told them how the Lord had brought him out of the
 prison. And he said, Go shewe these things unto James and to
 the brethren: and he departed and went into ^hanother place.

18 ¶ Now assoon as it was day, there was no small trouble
 among the soldiers, what was become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had sought for him, & found him not, he
 examined the keepers, & commanded them to be led to be punished.
 And he went down from Judea to Cesarea, & *there* abode.

20 Then Herod intended to make war against them of Tyrus and
 Sidon, but they came all with one accord unto him, and
 'persuaded Blastus the King's chamberlain, and they desired
 peace, because their country was nourished by the King's *land*.

21 And upon a day appointed, Herod arrayed him self in royal
 apparel, and sat on the judgement seat, and made an oration
 unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, *saying*. The voice of God, and
 not of man.

23 But immediately the Angel of the Lord smote him, because he
^kgave not glory unto God, so that he was eaten 'of worms, and
 gave up the ghost.

24 And the word of God ^mgrew, and multiplied.

25 So Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they
 had fulfilled their ⁿoffice, and took with them John, whose
 surname was Marke.

Chapter 13

3 Paul and Barnabas are called to preach among the Gentiles. 7 Of Sergius Paulus, and Elymas the sorcerer. 13 The departure of Marke. 14 Paul preacheth at Antiochia. 42 The faith of the Gentiles. 46 The Jews rejected. 48 They that are ordained to life, believe. 52 The fruit of faith.

There were also in the Church that was at Antiochia, certain
 Prophets and teachers, as Barnabas, and Simeon called
 Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and ^aManahen (which had been
 brought up with Herod the Tetrarch) and Saul.

2 Now as they ^bministered to the Lord, and fasted, the holie
 Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work
 whereunto I have called them.

15 g For they did know by God's word that Angels were appointed to defend
 the faithful, and also in those days they were accustomed to see such sights.

17 h Which was less suspect, by reason of the brethren.

20 i Both by flattering words, and also by bribery.

23 k Which he should have done, if he had punished the flatterers, of whose
 vanity he complained, when he was a dying, as Josephus writes.

23 l The vileness of the punishment declares how God detests pride, and
 tyranny: his grand father also was eaten of life.

24 m The more that tyrants go about to suppress God's word, the more does
 it increase.

25 n Which was to distribute the alms sent from Antiochia, Chap 11.29.

Chapter 13

1 a This declares that God calls of all sorts both high and low.

2 b The word signifies to execute a public charge, as the Apostleship was: so
 that here is showed, that they preached, and prophesied.

3 Then fasted they and prayed, and laid their hands on them, and let them go.

4 And they, after they were *sent forth of the holie Ghost, came down unto Seleucia, and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the Synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to *their* minister.

6 So when they had gone throughout the isle unto Paphus, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, being a Jew, named Bariesus,

7 Which was with the Deputy Sergius Paulus, a prudent man. He called unto him Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas, the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, & sought to turn away the Deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul (which also *is called* Paul) being full of the holie Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, the child of the devil, and enemy of all righteousness, wilt you not cease to pervert the straight ^cways of the Lord?

11 Now therefore behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, and not see the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness, and he went about, seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the Deputy when he saw what was done, believed, and was astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and they that were with him were departed by ship from Paphus, they came to Perga *a city* of Pamphylia: then John departed from them, and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to ^aAntiochia *a city* of Pisidia, and went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the lecture of the Law and Prophets, the rulers of the Synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of ^eexhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up and beckoned with the hand, and said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken.

17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt in the land of ^{*}Egypt, and with an ^{*}high arm brought them out thereof.

18 And about the time ^{*}of forty years, suffered he their ^lmanners in the wilderness.

19 And he destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, and ^{*}divided their land to them by lot.

20 Then afterward he gave unto them ^{*}Judges ^aabout four hundred and fifty years, unto the time of Samuel the Prophet.

21 So after that they desired a ^{*}King, and God gave unto them ^{*}Saul, the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, *by the space* of forty years.

4 ^{*}Chap 14.26.

10 c Which are the doctrine of the Apostles, that only leads us to God.

14 d This was another Antiochia then that which was in Syria.

15 e This declares that the Scripture is given to teach and exhort us, and that they refused none that had gifts to set forth God's glory and to edify his people.

17 ^{*}Exod. 1.7.

17 ^{*}Exod. 13.14.

18 ^{*}Exod. 16.35.

18 f Here is declared the great patience and long suffering of God before he punishes.

19 ^{*}Josh. 14.

20 ^{*}Jud. 3.9.

20 g For these 450 years were not fully accomplished, but there lacked 3 years counting from the birth of Isaac to the distribution of the land of Canaan.

21 ^{*}1 Sam 8.5.

21 ^{*}1 Sam 9.15 and 10.1.

22 And after he had taken him away, he raised up ^{*}David to be their King, of whom he witnessed, saying, I have found David *the son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which will do all things that I will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God ^{*}according to *his* promise raised up to Israel, the Savior Jesus:

24 When ^{*}John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And when John had fulfilled *his* ^hcourse, he said, ^{*}Whom ye think that I am, I am not he: but behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoe of *his* feet I am not worthy to loose.

26 Ye men and brethren, children of the generation of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the ^lword of this salvation sent.

27 For the inhabitants of Jerusalem, & their rulers, because they ^kknew him not, nor yet the words of the Prophets, which are ^lread every Sabbath *day*, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

28 And though they found no cause of death *in him*, ^{*}yet desired they Pilate to kill him.

29 And when they had ^mfulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, & put him in a sepulchre.

30 But God ^{*}raised him up from the dead.

31 And he was seen many days of them, which came up with him from Galile to Jerusalem, which are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you, that touching the promise made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled it unto us their children, in that he ⁿraised up Jesus, even as it is written in the second Psalm, ^{*}Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee.

34 Now as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, no more to return to the grave, he hath said thus, ^{*}I will give you the ^oholie things of David, which are faithful.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another place, ^{*}Thou wilt not suffer thine Holie one to see corruption.

36 Howbeit, David after he had served his time by the counsel of God, he ^{*}slept, and was laid with his fathers, and saw corruption.

37 But he whom God raised up, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

39 And from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses, by him every one that believeth, is justified.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the Prophets,

41 ^{*}Behold, ye ^pdespisers, and wonder, and vanish away: for I

22 ^{*}1 Sam 16.13, Psal 89.20.

23 ^{*}Isa 11.1.

24 ^{*}Mat. 3.1, Mar 1.4, Luk 3.4.

25 ^h When his office drew to an end, he sent his disciples to Christ

25 ^{*}Mar 1.7, John 1.20.

26 ⁱ That is, this message and tidings of salvation.

27 ^k He rebukes them for their ignorance.

27 ^l Although they read the Law, yet their hearts are covered that they cannot understand, 2 Cor. 3.14.

28 ^{*}Mat 27.22, Mar 15.13, Luk 23.23, John 19.6.

29 ^m In Christ all the promises are Yes, and Amen, 2 Cor. 1.20.

30 ^{*}Mat 28.7, Mar 16.6, Luk 24.7, John 20.9.

33 ⁿ In that he was born and incarnate.

33 ^{*}Psal 2.7, Ebr 1.5, and 5.5.

34 ^{*}Isa. 55.3.

34 ^o Meaning, that he would faithfully accomplish the promises, which he made of his free mercy with the forefathers: and he shows that as the grace, which God has given to his Son, is permanent forever, so likewise the life of the Son is eternal.

35 ^{*}Psal 16.10, Chap 2.31.

36 ^{*}1 King 2.10, Chap 2.29.

41 ^{*}Habak 1.5.

41 ^p He reproves them sharply because softness would not prevail.

work a ^awork in your days, a work which ye shall not believe, if a man would declare it you.

42 ¶ And when they were come out of the Synagogue of the Jews, the Gentiles besought, that they would preach these words to them the next Sabbath *day*.

43 Now when the Congregation was dissolved, many of the Jews, and proselytes that feared God, followed Paul and Barnabas, which spake to them, and exhorted them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next Sabbath *day* came almost the whole city together, to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the people, they were full of 'envy, and spake against those things, which were spoken of Paul, contrarying *them*, and railing on *them*.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas spake boldly, and said, *It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken unto you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge your selves unworthy of ^aeverlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, *I have made thee a light of the Gentiles, that thou shuldest be the salvation unto the end of the world.

48 And when the Gentiles heard it, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were 'ordained unto eternal life, believed.

49 Thus the word of the Lord was published throughout the whole country.

50 But the Jews stirred *certain* ^udevote and honorable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they *shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the holie Ghost.

Chapter 14

3 God giveth success to his word. 6 Paul and Barnabas preach at Iconium & are persecuted. 13 At Lystra they would do sacrifice to Barnabas & Paul, which refuse it, & exhort the people to worship the true God. 19 Paul is stoned 22 They confirm the disciples in faith & patience. 23 Appoint ministers, 26 And passing through many places, make report of their diligence at Antiochia.

And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the Synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Grecians believed.

2 But the ^aunbelieving Jews stirred up, and corrupted the minds of the Gentiles against the brethren.

3 So therefore they abode there a long time, and spake boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and caused signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the people of the city were divided: and some were with the Jews, and some with the Apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and

41 q Which is, vengeance unspeakable, for the contempt of God's word.

45 r They disdained that the Gentiles should be made equal with them.

46 *Mat. 10.6.

46 s Which is, to know one only God, & whom he hath sent, Jesus Christ.

47 *Isa. 49.6, Luk 2.32.

48 t None can believe, but they whom God does appoint before all beginnings to be saved.

50 u He means superstitious woman, and such, as were led with a blind zeal, albeit the common people esteemed them godly: and therefore Luke speaks as the world esteemed them.

51 *Mat 10.14, Mar 6.11, Luk 9.5, chap 18.6.

Chapter 14

2 a Which would not obey the doctrine, neither suffer themselves to be persuaded, to believe the truth and to embrace Christ.

of the Jews with their rulers, to do them violence, and to stone them,

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra, and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region round about,

7 And there were preaching the Gospel ¶.

8 ¶ Now there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, which was a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 He heard Paul speak: who beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, ¶ Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up, and walked.

11 Then when the people saw what Paul had done, they lift up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, Gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter, and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then Jupiter's priest, which was before their city, brought bulls with ^bgarlands unto the ^cgates, and would have sacrificed with the people.

14 But when the Apostles, Barnabas and Paul heard it, they ^drent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying,

15 And saying, O men, why do ye these things? We are even men ^asubject to the like passions that ye *be*, and preach unto you, that ye should turn from these vain *idols* unto the living God, *which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that in them are.

16 Who in times past *suffered all the Gentiles to walk in their own ^fways.

17 Nevertheless, he left not him self without ^awitness, in that he did good *and* gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food, and ^bgladness,

18 And speaking these things, scarce refrained they the people, that they had not sacrificed unto them ¶.

19 Then there came certain Jews from Antiochia and Iconium, which when they had persuaded the people, ¶ *stoned Paul, and drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he arose up, and came into the city, and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And after they had preached to that city, and had taught many, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antiochia,

22 Confirming the disciples hearts, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, *affirming* that we must through many afflictions enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them Elders by ⁱelection in every

7 ¶ In so much that all the people were moved at the doctrine. So both Paul and Barnabas remained at Lystra.

10 ¶ I say to thee in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

13 b That is, trimmed with flowers and garlands.

13 c He means before the gates of the house where the Apostles lodged: for the temple was without the town, and therefore the Priest brought the sacrifice (as he thought) to the gods themselves.

14 d In sign of detesting and abhorring it.

15 e That is, not without our infirmities and sins, and also subject to death.

15 *Gen 1.7, Psal 148.5, Revel 14.7.

16 *Psal 81.12, Rom 1.24.

16 f To live after their own fantasies not prescribing unto them any religion.

17 g To take from men all excuse.

17 h That being satisfied they might rejoice.

18 ¶ but that they should go every man home. And whiles they tarried and taught, there came, &c.

19 *2 Cor 11.25.

19 ¶ And disputing boldly persuaded the people to forsake them: for, said they, they say nothing true, but lie in all things.

23 i The word signifies to elect by putting up the hands which declares that ministers were not made without consent of the people.

Church, and prayed, and fasted, they commended them to the Lord in whom they believed.

24 Thus they went through out Pisidia, and came to Pamphilia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they came down to Attalia,

26 And thence sailed to Antiochia, *from whence they had been commended unto the grace of God, to the work which they had fulfilled.

27 And when they were come and had gathered the Church together, they rehearsed all the things that God had done ^kby them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 So there they abode a long time with the disciples.

Chapter 15

1 *Variance about circumcision.* 22 *The Apostles send their determination to the Churches.* 35 *Paul and Barnabas preach at Antiochia,* 39 *And separate company because of John Mark.*

Then came down ^acertain from Judea, and taught the brethren, *saying*, *Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye can not be saved.

2 And when there was great dissension, and disputation by Paul and Barnabas against them, they ordained that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the Apostles and Elders about this question.

3 Thus being sent forth by the Church, they passed through Phenice, and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they brought great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the Church, and of the Apostles and Elders, and they declared what things God had done by them.

5 But *said they*, certain of the sect of the ^bPharisees, which did believe, rose up, saying, that it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the Law of Moses.

6 Then the Apostles and Elders came together to look to this matter.

7 And when there had been great disputation, Peter rose up, and said unto them, *Ye men and brethren, ye know that a good while ago, among us God chose out *me*, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the Gospel, and believe.

8 And God which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, in giving unto them the holie Ghost, *even as he did* unto us.

9 And he put no ^cdifferences between us and them, after that by faith he ^dhad *purified their hearts.

10 Now therefore, why ^etempt ye God, to *lay a yoke on the disciples necks, which neither our fathers, nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe, through the ^fgrace of the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved, *even as they do*.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and heard Barnabas and

26 *Chap. 13.1.

27 k By their ministry.

Chapter 15

1 a As Cerinth and others: so writes Epiphanius against the Cerinthians: also the fame of the place whence they came, did much prevail to persuade abroad.

1 *Gal 5.2.

5 b Which were factious, and given to dissension.

7 *Chap 10.20.

9 c As touching adoption, and eternal life.

9 d By faith God purifies the heart.

9 *1 Cor 1.2, Chap. 10.43.

10 e They purposely tempt God which lay greater charges on men's consciences, then they are able to bear.

10 *Mat 23.4.

11 f And not by the Law: for it is a clog to the conscience, and we can not be delivered thereby.

Paul, which told what signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles by them.

13 And when they held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, harken unto me.

14 *Simeon hath declared, how God first did visit the Gentiles, to take of *them* a people unto his Name.

15 And to this agree the words of the Prophets, as it is written,

16 *After this I will return, and will build again the ^gtabernacle of David, which is fallen down, and the ruins thereof will I build again, and I will set it up,

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the ^hGentiles upon whom my Name is called, saith the Lord which doeth all these things.

18 From the beginning of the world God knoweth all his works.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them of the Gentiles that are turned to God,

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain them selves from ⁱfilthiness of idols, and ^kfornication, and that that is strangled, and from blood ^l.

21 For ^mMoses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, seeing he is read in the Synagogues every Sabbath *day*.

22 Then it seemed good to the Apostles & Elders with the whole Church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antiochia with Paul and Barnabas: *to wit*, Judas whose surname was Barsabas and Silas, which were chief men among the brethren,

23 And wrote letters by them after this manner, THE APOSTLES, AND The Elders, and the brethren, unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antiochia, & in Syria, & in Cilicia, send greeting.

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which departed from us, have troubled you with words, and cumbered your minds, saying, Ye must be circumcised and keep the Law: to whom we gave no such commandment,

25 It seemed therefore good to us, when we were come together with one accord, to send chosen men unto you, with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have given up their lives for the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, which shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the holie Ghost, and ⁿto us, to lay no more burden upon you, then these necessary things,

29 *That is*, that ye abstain from things offered to idols, and blood, and that that is strangled, and from fornication: ^ofrom which if ye keep your selves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 Now when they were departed, they came to Antiochia, and after that they had assembled the multitude, they delivered the epistle.

14 *2 Pet. 1.1.

16 *Amos 9.11.

16 g That is, the Church whereof the Temple was a figure.

17 h Which are gathered into one family with the Jews to the intent they should acknowledge all one God, and one Savior Christ Jesus.

20 i For some thought it none offence to be present in the idol's temples, and there to banquet: which S Paul says, is to drink the cup of the devils, 1 Cor 10.21.

20 k The heathen thought this no vice, but made it a common custom. As touching a strangled thing and blood, they were not unlawful of themselves, and therefore were observed but for a time.

20 l And what soever they would not should be done to themselves, that they should not do it to others.

21 i Therefore the ceremonies commanded by God could not so soon be abolished, till the liberty of the Gospel were better known.

28 m Whom the holie Ghost has moved and directed to ordain, and write these things, not as the authors of this doctrine, but as the ministers of God's ordinance, Exod 14.31, Judg 7.20, Hag 1.12.

29 n and whatsoever ye would not that men should do unto you, do not to others.

31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the consolation.
 32 And Judas and Silas being Prophets, [^]exhorted the brethren with many words, and strengthened them.
 33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in [^]peace of the brethren unto the Apostles.
 34 Notwithstanding ^oSilas thought good to abide there still ^{ll}.
 35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antiochia, teaching and preaching with many other the word of the Lord.
 36 ¶ But after certain days, Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return, and visit our brethren in every city, where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.
 37 And Barnabas ^{ll} counseled to take with them John, called Marke.
 38 But Paul thought it not mete to take him unto their company, which departed from them from Pamphilia, and went not with them to the work.
 39 Then were they so stirred that they ^pdeparted a sunder one from the other, so that Barnabas took Marke, and sailed unto Cyprus.
 40 And Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended of the brethren unto the grace of God.
 41 And he went through Syria & Cilicia, stablishing the Churches.

Chapter 16

1 When Paul had circumcised Timothie, he took him with him. 7 The Spirit calleth them from one country to another. 14 Lydia is converted. 28 Paul and Silas imprisoned convert the jailer, 37 And are delivered as Romaines.

Then come he to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciples was there named ^{*}Timotheus, a woman's son, which was a Jewess and believed, but his father was a Grecian.
 2 Of whom the brethren which were at Lystra and Iconium, reported well.
 3 Therefore Paul would that he should go forth with him, and took and ^acircumcised him, because of the Jews, which were in those quarters: for they knew all, that his father was a Grecian.
 4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep, ordained of the Apostles and Elders, which were at Jerusalem.
 5 And so were the Churches stablished in the faith, and encreased in number daily.
 6 ¶ Now when they had gone through out Phrygia, and the region of Galacia, they were ^fforbidden of the holie Ghost to preach the word in ^cAsia.
 7 Then came they to Mysia, and sought to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit ^{ll} suffered them not.
 8 Therefore they passed through Mysia, & come down to ^dTroas,
 9 Where a vision appeared to Paul in the night. There stood a

32 [^]Or, comforted.

33 ⁿ Having desired leave of the Church, the brethren prayed God to prosper their journey.

34 ^o Who for just causes, changed his mind.

34 ^{ll} and only Judas went.

37 ^{ll} would take John, &c.

39 ^p God suffers the most perfect to fall, and yet turns their infirmities to the setting forth of his glory, as this breach of company caused the word to be preached in more places.

Chapter 16

1 ^{*}Rom 16.21, Phil 2.19, 1 Thes 3.2.

3 ^a Lest the Jews should disdain him as one that were profane, and without God.

6 ^b God chooses not only men, but also appoints countries where his word shall be preached, and only as he will.

6 ^c Meaning, Asia the less.

7 ^{ll} of Jesus.

8 ^d Called also Antigonias, and Alexandria.

man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we prepared to go into Macedonia, being ^eassured that the Lord had called us to preach the Gospel unto them.

11 Then went we forth from Troas, and with a straight course came to Samothracia, and the next day to [^]Neapolis,

12 ¶ And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city in the parts of Macedonia, and ^gwhose inhabitants came from Rome to dwell there, and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the Sabbath day, we went out of the city, besides a river, where they were wont to ^hpray: and we sat down, and spake unto the women, which were come together.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of the Thyatirians, which worshipped God, heard ^{us}: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things, which Paul spake.

15 And when she was baptized, & her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into mine house, and abide ^{there}: and she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass that as we went to prayer, a certain maid having ^{*}a spirit ^lof divination, met us, which gate her masters much vantage with divining.

17 She followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shewe unto us the ^kway of salvation.

18 And this did she many days: but Paul being grieved, ^lturned about, and said to the spirit, I command thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, that thou come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 Now when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto the magistrates,

20 And brought them to the governours, saying, These men which are Jews, trouble our city,

21 And preach ordinances, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, seeing we are Romaines.

22 The people also rose up together against them, and the governours rent ^mtheir clothes, and ^{*}commanded ^{them} to be beaten with rods.

23 And when they had beaten them sore, they cast ^{them} into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them surely.

24 Who having received such commandment, cast them into the [^]inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 Now at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang a psalm unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundation of the prison was shaken: and by and by all the doors

10 ^e We ought not to credit visions, except we be assured thereof by the Spirit of God.

11 ^f Which is in the borders of Thracia and Macedonia.

12 ^g In Greek and Latin the word is called Colonia which can not otherwise be well expressed, but by such circumstance of words.

13 ^h Where the Christians accustomed to assemble their Church, when the infidels persecuted them.

16 ^{*}Lev 20.27, Deu 18.10, 1 Sam 28.7.

16 ⁱ Which could guess and foredeem of things past, present and to come: which knowledge in many things God permits to the devil.

17 ^k Satan although he spoke the truth, yet was his malicious purpose to cause the Apostles to be troubled as seditious persons and teachers of strange religion.

18 ^l For Satan's subtlety increased, and also it might seem that Satan, and the Spirit of God taught both one doctrine, Read Mar 1.34.

22 ^m To wit, the clothes of Paul and Silas.

22 ^{*}2 Cor 11.25, 1 Thes 2.2

24 [^]Or, in the bottom of the prison, or in a dungeon.

opened, and every man's bands were loosed.
 27 Then the keeper of the prison waked out of his sleep, & when he saw the prison doors open, he drew out his sword and would have killed him self, supposing the prisoners had been fled.
 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thy self no harm: for we are all here.
 29 Then he called for a light and leaped in and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
 30 And brought them out, and said, Syrs, what must I do to be saved?
 31 And they said, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shalt be saved, and thine household.
 32 And they preached unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
 33 Afterward he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* ^strips, and was baptized with all that belonged unto him, straight way.
 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he ^set meat before them, and rejoiced that he with all his household believed in God.
 35 And when it was day, || the governors sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go.
 36 Then the keeper of the prison told these words unto Paul, *saying*, The govemors have sent to loose you: now therefore get you hence, and go in peace.
 37 Then said Paul unto them, After that they have beaten us openly uncondemned, which are ^rRomaines, they have cast us into prison, and now would they put us out privily? nay verily: but let them come and bring us out.
 38 And the sergeants told these words unto the governors, who ^ofeared when they heard that they were Romaines.
 39 Then came they and prayed them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.
 40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the *house* of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

Chapter 17

1 Paul commeth to Thessalonica, 4 Where some receive him, and others persecute him. 11 To search the Scriptures. 17 He disputeth at Athens, and the fruit of his doctrine.

Now as they passed through Amphipolis, and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a Synagogue of the Jews.
 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath *days* disputed with them by the Scriptures,
 3 Opening, and alleging that Christ must have suffered, and risen again from the dead: and this is Jesus Christ, whom, *said he*, I preach to you.
 4 And some of them believed, and joined in company with Paul and Silas: also of the Grecians that feared God a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.
 5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain vagabonds and wicked fellows, and when they had assembled the multitude, they made a tumult in the city, and made assault against the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

33 ^Or, wounds or hurts.

34 ^Greek, he set the table.

35 || The governors assembled together in the market, and remembering the earthquake that was, they feared and sent, &c.

37 n No man had authority to beat, or put to death a citizen Romaine, but the Romaines themselves by the consent of the People.

38 o For the punishment was great against them that did injury to a citizen Romaine.

6 But when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the heads of the city, crying, These are they which have subverted the state of the world, and here they are,

7 Whom Jason hath received, and these all do against the decrees of Cesar, saying that there is another ^aKing, one Jesus.
 8 Then they troubled the people, and the heads of the city, when they heard these things.

9 Notwithstanding when they had received [^]sufficient assurance of Jason and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea, which when they were come thither, entered into the Synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were also ^bmore noble men then they which were at Thessalonica, which received the word with all readiness, and ^{*}searched the Scriptures daily, [^]whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed, and of honest women, which were Grecians, and men not a few.

13 ¶ But when the Jews of Thessalonica knew, that the word of God was also preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and moved the people.

14 But by and by the brethren sent away Paul to go as *it were* to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15 And they that [^]did conduit Paul, brought him unto Athens: and when they had received a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus that they should come to him at once, they departed.

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city [^]subject to idolatry.

17 Therefore he disputed in the Synagogue with the Jews, and with them that were religious, and in the market daily [^]with whom soever he met.

18 Then certain philosophers of the [^]Epicures, and of the [^]Stoics, disputed with him, and some said, What will this [^]babler say? Others *said*, He semeth to be a setter forth of strange gods (because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.)

19 And they took him, and brought him into ^hMars street, saying, May we not know, what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things unto our ears: we would know therefore, what these things mean.

21 For all the Athenians, and strangers which dwelt there, [^]gave them selves to nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some news.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of ^hMars street, and said, Ye men

7 a Like quarrel-picking they used against Christ: and these be the weapons wherewith the world continually fights against the members of Christ, treason and sedition.

9 ^Or a sufficient answer.

11 b Not more excellent of birth, but more prompt, and courageous in receiving the word of God: for he compares them of Berea with them of Thessalonica who persecuted the Apostles in Berea.

11 * John 5.39.

11 c This was not only to try if these things which they had heard, were true, but also to confirm themselves in the same, and to increase their faith.

15 ^Or, had the charge to conduit him safely.

16 d That city which was the fountain of all knowledge, was now the sink of most horrible idolatry.

17 e Such was his fervent zeal towards God's glory, that he labored to amplify the same both in season, and out of season, as he taught afterward to Timothy.

18 f W ho held, that pleasure was man's whole felicity.

18 g Who taught that virtue was only man's felicity, which notwithstanding they never attained unto.

18 ^Or, rascal, or trifler.

19 h W here judgement was given of weighty matters, but chiefly of impiety against their gods, whereof Paul was accused: or else was led thither because of the resort of people whose ears ever tickled to hear news.

21 ^Or, had leisure.

22 i Which was also called Areopagus.

of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.
 23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar wherein was written, ^kUNTO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom ye then ignorantly worship, him shewe I unto you.
 24 God that made the world, and all things that are therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, ^{*}dwelleth not in temples made with hands,
 25 ^{*}Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he need any thing, seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things,
 26 And hath made of one blood all mankind, to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath ^lassigned the times which were ordained before, and the bounds of their ^mhabitation,
 27 That they should seek the Lord, if so be they might have groped after him, and found ⁿhim, though doubtless he be not far from every one of us.
 28 For in him we live, & move, & have our being, as also certain of your own ^oPoets have said, For we are also his generation.
 29 ^{*}For asmuch then, as we are the generation of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto ^pgold, or silver, or stone graven by art and the invention of man.
 30 And the time of this ignorance God ^qregarded not: but now he admonisheth ^rall men every where to repent,
 31 Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath appointed, *whereof* he hath given an assurance to all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.
 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection from the dead, some mocked, and other said, We will hear thee again of this thing.
 33 And so Paul departed from among them.
 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto Paul, and believed: among whom was also Denis [^]Areopagita, and a woman named Damaris, and other with them.

Chapter 18

3 Paul laboureth with his hands, and preacheth at Corinthus. 6 He is detested of the Jews, 8 Yet received of many, 9 And comforted of the Lord 14 Gallio refuseth to meddle with religion 18 Paul's vow. 21 His faith in the providence of God, 22 And care for the brethren. 24 The praise of Apollos.

After these things, Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinthus, 2 And found a certain Jew, named ^aAquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, and his wife Priscilla (because that ^aClaudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome) and he came unto them.
 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them and ^bbrought (for their craft was to make ^ctents.)

23 k Hereby Paul takes an occasion to bring them to the true God.

24 ^{*}Chap 7.48.

25 ^{*}Psal. 50.8.

26 l Before man was created, God had appointed his state and condition.

26 m This is meant as touching the sundry changes of the world, as when some people depart out of a country, and others come to dwell therein.

27n Men grope in darkness till Christ the true light shine in their hearts.

28 o As Aratus and others.

29 ^{*}Isa 40.28.

29 p He condemns the matter and the form wherewith God is counterfeited.

30 q But pardoned it, and did not punish it as it deserved.

30 r This is meant of the universal world, and not of every particular man: for whosoever sins without the Law, shall die without the Law.

34 [^]Or, a judge of Mars street.

Chapter 18

2 ^{*}Rom. 16.3.

2 a This was Claudius Cesar, who then was Emperor.

3 b Thus he used where ever he came: but principally at Corinthus because of the false Apostles which preached without wages to win the people's favor.

3 c Or pavilions which then were made of skins.

4 And he disputed in the Synagogue every Sabbath *day*, and exhorted the Jews, and the Grecians.

5 Now when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul ^bburned in spirit, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

6 And when they resisted and blasphemed, he ^{*}shook his raiment, and said unto them, ^eYour blood *be* upon your own head: I am clean: from hence forth will I go unto the Gentiles.

7 So he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house joined hard to the Synagogue,

8 And ^{*}Crispus the chief ruler of the Synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household: and many of the Corinthians hearing it, believed and were baptized.

9 Then said the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Fear not, but speak, and hold not thy peace.

10 For ⁱI am with thee, and no man shall lay *hands* on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11 So he continued there a year and six months, and taught the word of God among them.

12 ¶ Now when Gallio was Deputy of [^]Achaia, the Jews arose with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgement seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the ^gLaw.

14 And as Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong, or an evil deed, ^oye Jews, I would according to reason maintain you.

15 But if it be a question of words, and names, and of your Law, look ye to it your selves: for I will be no judge of those things.

16 And he drave them from the judgement seat.

17 Then took all the Grecians ^hSosthenes the chief ruler of the Synagogue, and beat him before the judgement seat: but Gallio cared nothing for those things.

18 But when Paul had tarried there yet a good while, he took leave of the brethren, and sailed into Syria (and with him Priscilla and Aquila) after that he had ^hshorn his head in Cencrea: for he had a ^vvow.

19 Then he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he entered into the Synagogue and disputed with the Jews.

20 Who desired him to tarry a longer time with them: but he would not consent,

21 But bade them fare well, saying, I must needs keep this feast that cometh, in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, ^{*}if God will. So he sailed from Ephesus.

22 ¶ And when he came down to ^kCesarea, he went up *to Jerusalem*: and when he had saluted the Church, he went down unto Antiochia.

23 Now when he had tarried *there* a while, he departed, and went through the country of Galacia and Phrygia by order, strengthening all the disciples.

5 d And boiled with a certain zeal.

6 ^{*}Chap 13.51, Mat 10.14.

6 e Because they have none excuse, he denounces the vengeance of God against them through their own faute.

8 ^{*}1 Cor 1.14.

10 f God promises him a special protection, whereby he would defend him from the violent rage of his enemies.

12 [^]Or, Grecia.

13 g They accused him because he transgressed the service of God appointed by the Law.

17 h Of whom is spoken 1 Cor 1.1.

18 i Paul did thus bear with the Jew's infirmities which as yet were not sufficiently instructed.

18 ^{*}Num. 6.18, chap. 21.24.

21 ^{*}1 Cor 4.19, Jam 4.15.

22 k Called Cesarea Stratonis.

24 And a certain Jew named *Apollos, born at Alexandria, came to Ephesus, and eloquent man, and ^mighty in the Scriptures.
 25 The same was ^linstructed in the way of the Lord, and he spake fervently in the Spirit, and taught diligently the things of the Lord, and knew but the ^mbaptism of John only.
 26 And he began to speak boldly in the Synagogue. Whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and ⁿexpounded unto him the ^oway of God more perfectly.
 27 And when he was minded to go into Achaia, the brethren exhorting him, wrote to the disciples to receive him: and after he was come thither, he helped them much which had believed through grace.
 28 For mightly he confuted publicly the Jews with great vehemency, shewing by the Scriptures, that Jesus was the Christ.

Chapter 19

6 The holie Ghost is given by Paul's hands 9 The Jews blaspheme his doctrine, which was confirmed by miracles. 13 The rashness, and punishment of the conjurers, & the fruit that came thereof. 24 Demetrius raiseth sedition under pretense of Diana. 41 Yet God delivereth his and appeaseth it by the town clerk.

And it came to pass, while Apollos was at Corinthus, that Paul when he passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples,
 2 And said unto them, Have ye received the ^aholie Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be an holie Ghost.
 3 And he said unto them, ^bUnto what were ye then baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe in him, which should come after him, that is, in Christ Jesus.
 5 So when they heard it, they were ^cbaptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus.
 6 And Paul laid his hands upon them, and the ^{*}holie Ghost came on them, and they spake the tongues, and prophesied.
 7 And all the men were about twelve.
 8 ¶ Moreover he went into the Synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and exhorting to the things that *apperteine* to the kingdom of God.
 9 But when certain were hardened, and disobeyed, speaking evil of the way of God, before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, and disputed daily in the school of one ^dTyrannus ¶ .
 10 And this was done by the space of two years, so that all they

24 *1 Cor. 1.12.

24 ^Or, well instructed.

25 l That is, was somewhat entered.

25 m He had but as yet the first principles of Christ's religion: and by baptism is here meant the doctrine.

26 n This great learned, and eloquent man disdained not to be taught of a poor crafts man.

26 o The way to salvation.

Chapter 19

2 a That is, the particular gifts of the Spirit: for as yet they knew not the visible gifts.

3 b Meaning, what doctrine they did profess by their baptism: for to be baptized in John's baptism signifies to profess the doctrine which he taught, and sealed with the sign of baptism: to be baptized in the Name of the Father, &c is to be dedicate and consecrate unto him: to be baptized in the death of Christ, or for the dead, or into one body, unto remission of sins, is, that sin by Christ's death may be abolished, and die in us, and that we may grow in Christ our head, & that our sins may be washed away by the blood of Christ.

5 c Indued with the visible graces of the holie Ghost.

6 *Mat 3.11, Mar 1.8, Luk 3.16, John 1.26, chap 1.5, 2.2, and 11.16.

9 d That is, of a certain man so called.

9 ¶ From five a clock unto ten.

which dwelt in Asia, heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Grecians.

11 And God wrought no small miracles by the hands of Paul,
 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick, ^kerchiefs ^o or handkerchiefs, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.
 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, ^exorcists, took in hand to name over them which had evil spirits, the Name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We ^fadjure you by Jesus, whom Paul preacheth.
 14 (And there were certain sons of Sceua a Jew, the Priest, *above* seven which did this)
 15 And the evil spirit answered, and said, Jesus I acknowledge, and Paul I know: but who are ye?
 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was, ran on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house, naked, and wounded.
 17 And this was known to all the Jews and Grecians also, which dwelt at Ephesus, and fear came on them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.
 18 And many that believed, came and confessed, and ^gshewed their works.
 19 Many also of them which used curious arts, brought their books, and burned them before all men, and they counted the price of them, and found it ^hfifty thousand *pieces* of silver.
 20 So the word of God grew mightly, and prevailed.
 21 ¶ Now when these things were accomplished, Paul purposed ⁱby the Spirit to pass through Macedonia & Achaia, & to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.
 22 So sent he into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus & Erastus, *but* he remained in Asia for a season.
 23 And the same time there arose no small trouble about that ^kway.
 24 For a certain man named Demetrius a silversmith, which made silver ^ltemples of Diana, ^lbrought great gains unto the crafts men:
 25 Whom he called together, with the workmen of like things, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft ^mwe have our goods.
 26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost through out all Asia this Paul hath persuaded, and turned away much people, saying, That they be not gods which are made with hands,
 27 So that not only this thing is dangerous unto us, ⁿthat the state should be reprov'd, but also that the ^otemple of the great goddess Diana should be nothing esteemed, and that it would come to pass that her magnificence, which all Asia and the ^pworld worshippeth, should be destroyed.
 28 Now when they heard it, they were full of wrath, and cried out,

12 ^Or, napkins.

12 e This was to authorize the Gospel, and to confirm Paul's ministry, not to cause men to worship him or his napkins.

13 ^Or, conjurers.

13 f They abuse Paul's authority, and without any vocation of God, usurp that which is not in man's power.

18 g That is, declared by confession of their sins and by their good works that they were faithful.

19 h This amounts to of our money about 2,000 marks.

21 i By the motion of the holie Ghost, he undertook this journey.

23 k That is, about the state of the Christians: for they contemned the Christians because they left the old religion, and brought in another trade of doctrine.

24 ^Or, shrines.

24 l What impiety does not covetousness drive a man unto?

25 m He was moved with his profit: and others for their bellies, so that they would rather lose both their lives, and religion then their filthy gain.

27 n Meaning their art and occupation.

27 o Religion is his second argument which he less esteems, then his profit, and therefore puts it last, which thing is contrary to the doings of the faithful: for they prefer religion above all.

27 p He grounds his religion upon the multitude and authority of the world, as do the Papists.

saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

29 And the whole city was full of confusion, and they rushed into the common place with one assent, & caught *Gaius, & *Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, and Paul's companions of his journey.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31 Certain also of the chief of Asia which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not present him self in the common place.

32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was out of order, and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And some of the company ^qdrew forth Alexander, the Jews thrusting him forwards. Alexander then beckoned with the hand, and would have excused the matter to the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, there arose a shout almost for the space of two hours, of all men crying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 Then the town clerk when he had stayed the people, said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is it that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshiper of the great goddess Diana, and of *the image*, which came down from ^rJupiter?

36 Seeing then that no man can ^sspeak against these things, ye ought to be appeased, and to do nothing rashly.

37 For ye have brought hither these men, which have neither commit sacrilege, neither do blaspheme your goddess.

38 Wherefore, if Demetrius and the crafts men which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are Deputies: let them accuse one another.

39 But if ye inquire any thing concerning other matters it may be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are even in jeopardy to be accused of this day's sedition, forasmuch as there is no cause, whereby we may give a reason of this concourse of people.

41 And when he had thus spoken, he let the assembly depart.

Chapter 20

Paul goeth into Macedonia and into Grecia. 7 He celebrateth the Lord's supper and preacheth. 9 At Troas he raiseth up Eutychus 17 At Ephesus he calleth the Elders of the Church together, committeth the keeping of God's flock unto them, warneth them of false teachers, maketh his prayer with them, and departeth by ship towards Jerusalem.

Now after the tumult was ceased, Paul called the disciples unto him, & embraced them, & departed to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone through those parties, and had exhorted them with many words, he came into Grecia.

3 And having tarried *there* three months, because the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea, and of them of Thessalonica, Aristarchus, and Secundus, & Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus, & of them of Asia Tychicus, & Trophimus.

5 These went before, and tarried us at Troas.

6 And we sailed forth from ^aPhilippi, after the days of unleavened

29 *Rom 16.23.

29 *1 Cor 1.14, Colos 4.10.

33 q And set him in an high place where the people could not come near him but whence they might well hear his voice.

35 r Antiquity and the covetousness of the Priests brought in this superstition: for it is written that the temple being repaired seven times, this idol was never changed, Plin li 16.40. by such delusions the world is most easily abused.

36 s He pacifies the people by worldly wisdom, and has no respect to religion.

Chapter 20

6 a He remained there these days, because he had better opportunity to teach: also the abolishing of the Law was not yet known.

bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days, where we abode seven days.

7 And ^bthe first day of the week, the disciples being come together to ^cbreak bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow, & continued the preaching unto midnight.

8 And there were many lights in an upper chamber, where ^tthey were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young ^uman, named, Eutychus, fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he overcome with sleep, fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 But Paul went down, and laid him self upon him, and embraced him, saying, Trouble not your selves: for his life is in him.

11 So when *Paul* was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, he commoned a long while till the dawning of the day, *and* so he departed.

12 And they brought the boy alive, and they were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ Then we went forth to ship, and sailed unto *the city* ^dAssos, that we might receive Paul there: for so had he appointed, and would him self go afoot.

14 Now when he was come unto us to Assos, and we had received him, we came to Mitylenes.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios, and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium: the next day we came to Miletum.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted to be, if he could possible, at Jerusalem, at the day of ^ePentecost.

17 ¶ Wherefore from Miletum he sent to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Church.

18 Who when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 ^eServing the Lord with all ^fmodesty, and with many tears, and tentations, which came unto me by the layings await of the Jews,

20 And how I kept ^gback nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you, and taught you openly, & throughout every house,

21 Witnessing both to the Jews, and to the Grecians the ^hrepentance toward God, & ⁱfaith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now behold, I go ^kbound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, and know not what things shall come unto me there,

23 Save that the holie Ghost ^lwitnesseth in every city, saying, that bands and afflictions abide me ^l,

24 But I pass not at all, neither is my life dear unto my self, so that I may fulfill my course with joy, and the ministration which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now behold, I know that hence forth ye all, through whom

7 b Which we call Sunday of this place and also of the 1 Cor 16.2 we gather that the Christians used to have their solemn assemblies this day, laying aside the ceremony of the Jewish Sabbath.

7 c To celebrate the Lord's Supper, Chap 2.46.

8 ^uOr, we.

9 ^uOr, boy.

13 d Which was a city of Mysia called otherwise Apollonia, Plin li 5 chap. 50.

16 ^uOr, Witsonside.

19 e In my vocation and ministry.

19 f This virtue is contrary to boasting and high minded: which vices are detestable in the servants of Jesus Christ.

20 g I neither held my tongue for fear, nor dissembled for gain.

21 h Which is the turning to God by newness of life.

21 i Which is the receiving of the grace, which Christ does offer us.

22 k That is, by the impulsion and commandment of the holie Ghost, who draws me as with a band.

23 l By the Prophets.

23 ll In Jerusalem.

I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more,

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the ^mblood of all men.

27 For I have kept nothing back, but have shewed you ⁿall the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto your selves, and to all the flock, whereof the holie Ghost hath made you Overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his ^oown blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Moreover of your own selves shall men arise speaking ^pperverse things, to draw disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch and remember, that by *the space* of three years I ceased not to warn every one, both night and day with tears.

32 And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which ^qis able to build further, and to give you an ^rinheritance: among all them, which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, nor gold, nor apparel.

34 Yea, ye know, that these hands have ministered unto my ^snecessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how that he said, ^sIt is a blessed thing to give, rather then to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 Then they wept all abundantly, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Being chiefly sorry for the words which he spake, That they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Chapter 21

5 The common prayers of the faithful 8 Philippe's four daughters prophetesses. 23 Paul's constancy to bear the cross, as Agabus & others forespake, although he was otherwise counseled by the brethren. 28 The great danger that he was in, & how he escaped.

And as we launched forth, and were departed from them, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto the Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara.

2 And we found a ship that went over unto Phenice, and went aboard, and set forth.

3 And when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed toward Syria, and arrived at Tyrus: for there the ship unladed the burden.

4 And when we had found disciples, we tarried there seven days. And they told Paul ^athrough the ^bSpirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 But when the days were ended, we departed, and went our

way, and they all accompanied us with *their* wives and children, even out of the city: & we kneeling down on the shore, prayed.

6 Then when we had embraced one another, we took ship, and they returned home.

7 And when we had ended the course from Tyrus, we arrived at Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, & abode with them one day.

8 And the next day, Paul and they that were with him, departed, and came unto Cesarea: and we entered into the house of ^{*}Philippe the Evangelist, which was one of the ^cseven *Deacons*, and abode with him.

9 Now he had four daughters virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came a certain Prophet from Judea, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, ^dThus saith the holie Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem ^ebind the man that oweth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we had heard these things, both we & other of the same place besought him that he would not go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, and said, What do ye weeping and breaking mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the Name of the Lord Jesus.

14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we trussed up our fardeles, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also *certain* of the disciples of Cesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

18 And the next day Paul went in with us unto ^fJames: and all the Elders were there assembled.

19 And when he had embraced them, he told by order all things, that God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministration.

20 So when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousand Jews there are which believe, and they are all zealous of the Law.

21 Now they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews, which are among the Gentiles, to forsake Moses, and saist, that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to live *after* the ^gcustoms.

22 What is then *to be done*? the multitude must needs come together: for they shall hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee. We have ^hfour men, which have made a vow.

24 Them take, and ⁱpurity thy self with them, and contribute with them, that they may ^{*}shave their heads: and all shall know, that those things, whereof they have been informed concerning thee, are nothing, but that thou thy self also walkest & kepest the Law.

25 For as touching the Gentiles, which believe, we have written,

8 *Chap. 6.5.

8 c This office of Deaconship was but for a time, according as the Congregation had need, or otherwise.

11 d God would have his servants bands known, to the intent that no man should think that he cast himself into wilful danger.

11e This was not to make Paul afraid, but to encourage him against the brunt.

18 f Who was the chief, or superintendent of the Church of Jerusalem.

21g That is, according to the manners that the fathers observed, which were commanded by God.

23 h Who as yet were not well instructed in Christ.

24 i The end of this ceremony was thanksgiving, and was instituted by God, and partly of ignorance and infirmity retained: therefore S. Paul supported therein the weakness of others and made himself all to all men, not hindering his conscience.

24 *Num. 6.18, Chap. 18.18.

26 m I am not the occasion of any of your destructions.

27 n Which concerns your salvation.

28 o That which appertains to the humanity of Christ, is here attributed to his divinity, because of the communion of the apprieties, and union of the two natures in one person.

30 p Through their ambition which is mother of all heresy and wickedness.

32 q To increase you with further graces and to finish his work in you.

32 r He promises to the faithful continual increase of grace, till they enter into the possession of that inheritance, which is prepared for them.

34 *1 Cor 4.12, 1 Thes 2.9, 2 Thes 3.8.

35 s Although this be not orderly so writ in any one place, yet it is gathered of divers places of the Scripture in effect.

Chapter 21

4 a By the revelation of God's Spirit.

4 b The holie Spirit revealed unto them the persecutions that Paul should have made against him, and the same Spirit also strengthened Paul to sustain them.

and determined *that they observe no such thing, but that they keep them selves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from that that is strangled, and from fornication.

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day was purified with them, & entered into the Temple, *declaring the accomplishment of the days of the purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia (when they saw him in the Temple) moved all the people, and *laid hands on him,

28 Crying, Men of Israel, help: this is the man that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the Law, and this place: moreover, he hath brought Grecians into the Temple, and hath *polluted this holie place.

29 For they had seen before Trophimus an Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the Temple.

30 Then all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the Temple, and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 But as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief Captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was on an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and ^mCenturions, and ran ⁿdown unto them: and when they saw the chief Captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief Captain came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains, and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And one cried this, another that, among the people. So when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be led into the castle.

35 And when he came unto the grieeces, it was so that he was born of the soldiers, for the violence of the people.

36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul should have been led into the castle, he said unto the chief Captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou *speak* Greek?

38 Art not thou the ^{**}Egyptian, who before these days raised a sedition, and led out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 Then Paul said, Doubtless I am a man which am a Jew, and citizen of *Tarsus, a famous city of Cilicia, and I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 And when he had given him license, Paul stood on the grieeces, and beckoned with the hand unto the people: and when there was made great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrue tongue, saying,

Chapter 22

3 Paul rendreth an account of his life and doctrine. 25 He escapeth the whip by reason he was a citizen of Rome.

Ye men, brethren and fathers, hear my [^]defense now towards you. 2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrue

25 *Chap 15.20.

26 *Num. 6.13, Chap. 24.8.

27 k In thinking to appease the faithful, and to support the infirm, he fell into the hands of his enemies.

28 l By bringing in such as were not circumcised.

32 m Which were undercaptains and had charge over a hunder soldiers.

32 n A notable example of God's providence for the defense of his.

38 *Chap 5.36.

38 o Josephus li. Antiq 20 chap 11 and de bello Juda li. 2 chap 12.

39 *Chap. 22.3.

Chapter 22

1 [^]Or reason, or excuse.

tongue to them, they kept the more silence, and he said)

3 I am verily a man, *which am* a Jew, born in *Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the ^afeet of Gamaliel, and instructed according to the perfect manner of the Law of the Fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 *And I persecuted this [^]way unto the death, binding and delivering into prison both men and women,

5 As also the chief Priest doeth bear me witness, & all the state of the Elders: of whom also I received letters unto the ^bbrethren, and went to Damascus to bring them which were there, bound unto Jerusalem, that they might be punished.

6 ¶ And so it was, as I journeyed and was come near unto Damascus about noon, that suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 So I fell unto the earth, and heard a voice, saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 Then I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus of Nazaret, whom thou persecutest.

9 Moreover they that were with me, saw in deed a light and were afraid: but they heard not the voice of him that spake unto me.

10 Then I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus: and there it shalbe told thee of all things, which are appointed for thee to do.

11 So when I could not see for the glorie of that light, I was led by the hand of them that were with me, & came into Damascus.

12 And one Ananias a godlie man, as pertaining to the Law, having good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight: and that same hour I looked upon him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath ^cappointed thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and shouldest see that ^dJust one, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of the things, which thou hast seen and heard.

16 Now therefore why tariest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, in calling on the ^eName of the Lord.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, that when I was come again to Jerusalem, and prayed in the Temple, I was in a trance,

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make hast, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy witness concerning me.

19 Then I said, Lord, they know that I ^{*}prisoned, and beat in every Synagogue them that believed in thee.

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Steven was shed, I also ^{*}stood by, and consented unto his death, and kept the clothes of them that slew him.

21 Then he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 ¶ And they heard unto this word, *but* then they lift up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not mete that he should live.

23 And as they cried and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

24 The chief captain commanded him to be led into the castle,

3 *Chap. 21.39.

3 a W hereby he declares his modesty, diligence and docility.

4 *Chap. 8.3.

4 [^]Or, this profession of the Christians.

5 b To the Jews to whom the letters were directed.

14 c This may be referred to the eternal counsel of God, or else to the execution & declaration of the same which seems here to be more proper.

14 d Which is Christ, 1 John 2.1.

16 e He shows that sins cannot be washed away, but by Christ who is the substance of Baptism: in whom also is comprehended the Father and the holie Ghost.

19 *Chap 8.3.

20 *Chap. 7.58.

and bade that he should be scourged, and examined, that he might know wherefore they cried so on him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the Centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge one that is a Romaine, and not condemned?

26 Now when the Centurion heard it, he went, and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Romaine.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said to him, Tell me, art thou a Romaine? And he said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this burgeship. Then Paul said, But I was so born.

29 Then straight way they departed from him, which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Romaine, and that he had bound him.

30 On the next day, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he losed him from his bonds, and commanded the high Priests and all their Council to come together. and he brought Paul, and set him before them.

Chapter 23

3 *The answer of Paul being smit, and the overthrow of his enemies. 11 The Lord encourageth him 23 And because the Jews layed wait for him, he is sent to Cesarea.*

And Paul beheld earnestly the Council, & said, Men and brethren, I have in all good conscience served God until this day. 2 Then the high Priest Ananias commanded them that stood by, to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul to him, God will smite thee, thou whited wall: for thou sittest to judge me according to the Law, and commandest thou me to be smiten contrary to the Law?

4 And they that stood by, said, Revilest thou God's high Priest?

5 Then said Paul, I knew not, brethren, that he was the high Priest: for it is written, *Thou shalt not speak evil of the Ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were of the Sadduces, and the other of the Pharises, he cried in the Council, Men and brethren, *I am a Pharise, the son of a Pharise: *I am accused of the hope and resurrection of the dead.

7 And when he had said this, there was a dissension between the Pharises & the Sadduces, so that the multitude was divided.

8 *For the Sadduces say that there is no resurrection, neither Angel, nor spirit: but the Pharises confess both.

9 Then there was a great cry: and the Scribes of the Pharises part rose up, and strove, saying, We find none evil in this man: but if a spirit or an Angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight

25 f Not because he was born at Rome, but by reason of his city: for Tarsus was inhabited by the Romans, and was their Colonia, whereof read Chap. 16. 12.

28 g This privilege was oft times given in recompense of service to them that were far of Rome, and to their children, though they were not born in the city.

Chapter 23

3 a Paul does not curse the high Priest, but denounces sharply the punishment of God which should light upon him, who under pretense of maintaining the Law does transgress it.

5 b He made this excuse as it were in mockery, as if he would say, I know nothing in this man worthy the office of the high Priest.

5 *Exod 22.28.

6 *Phil 3.5.

6 *Chap 24.22.

6 c He denies not but there were other points, but he expresses that for the which the Sadducees that were the chief governors, hated him most for.

8 *Mat. 22.23.

8 d Understanding both kinds, the Angels and the spirits, which he concludes under one, and the resurrection which is the other part.

against God.

10 And when there was a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 ¶ Now the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good courage, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when the day was come, certain of the Jews made an assembly, and bound them selves with an oath, saying, that they would neither eat nor drink, til they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more then forty, which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief Priests and Elders, and said, We have bound our selves with a solemn oath, that we will eat nothing, until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore, ye and the Council signify to the chief captain, that he bring him forth unto you to morrow, as though ye would know some thing more perfectly of him, and we, or ever he come near, will be ready to kill him.

16 But when Paul's sister's son heard of their laying await, he went, and entered into the castle, and told Paul,

17 And Paul called one of the Centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to shewe him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, & said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, & prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, which hath some thing to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went apart with him alone, and asked him, What hast thou to shewe me?

20 And he said, The Jews have conspired to desire thee, that thou woldest bring forth Paul tomorrow into the Council, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But let them not persuade thee: for there lie in wait for him of them, more then forty men, which have bound them selves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink, till they have killed him: and now are they ready, and wait for thy promise.

22 The chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him to speak it to no man, that he had shewed him these things.

23 And he called unto him two certain Centurions, saying, Make ready two hundreth soldiers, that they may go to Cesarea, and horsemen three score and ten, and two hundreth, with darts at the third hour of the night.

24 And let them make ready an horse that Paul being set on, may be brought safe unto Felix the Governor.

25 And he wrote an epistle in this manner,

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most noble Governor Felix sendeth greeting.

27 As this man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them, I came upon them with the garrison, and rescued him, perceiving that he was a Romaine.

28 And when I would have known the cause, wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council.

29 There I perceived that he was accused of questions of their Law, but had no crime worthy of death, or of bonds.

30 And when it was shewed me, how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent him straight way to thee, and commanded his

12 e The word signifies cursing, as when a man either swears, vows, or wishes himself to die, or to be given to the devil, except he bring his purpose to pass.

16 f This declares that God has so many means to deliver his children out of danger as there are creatures in the world, so that the adversaries can not conspire so craftily against them, but he has infinite means to defeat their wicked practices.

22 ^Greek, that you have showed these things to me.

25 g This letter was written partly in the favor of Paul, that his adversaries might not oppress him.

27 h The Captain dissembled to commend his own diligence: for he did not know that Paul was a Roman before he had rescued him, & given him to be strictly examined.

accusers to speak before thee the things that they had against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 And the next day, they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned unto the castle.

33 Now when they came to Cesarea, they delivered the epistle to the Governor, and presented Paul also unto him.

34 So when the Governor had read it, he asked of whatⁱ province he was: and when he understood that he was of Cilicia,

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers also are come, and commanded him to be kept in Herode's judgement hall.

Chapter 24

10 Paul being accused, answereth for his life and doctrine against his accusers 25 Felix gropeth him, thinking to have a bribe, 28 And after leaveth him in prison.

Now after five days, Ananias the high Priest came down with the Elders, and with Tertullus a certain orator, which appeared before the Governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*, saying, Seeing that we have obtained great quietness through thee, and that many worthy things are done unto this nation through thy providence,

3 We acknowledge it wholly, and in all places, ^amost noble Felix, with all thanks.

4 But that I be not tedious unto thee, I pray thee, that thou woldst hear us of thy courtesy a few words.

5 Certainly we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world and a chief maintainer of the ^bsect of the ^cNazarites:

6 And hath gone about to pollute the Temple: therefore we took him, and would have judged him according to our Law:

7 But the [^]chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him out of our hands,

8 Commanding his accusers to come to thee: of whom thou maist (if thou wilt inquire) know all these things whereof we accuse him.

9 And the Jews likewise affirmed, saying that it was so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him that he should speak, answered, I do the more gladly answer for my self, forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a ^qjudge unto this ^enation,

11 Seeing that thou maist know, that there are but twelve days since I came up ^tto worship in Jerusalem.

12 And they neither found me in the Temple disputing with any man, neither making uproar among the people, neither in the

34 ⁱ By this name the Romans called every country which they had subdued.

Chapter 24

3 ^a For Felix by his diligence had taken Eleazarus the captain of the murders, & put the Egyptian to flight which raised up tumults in Judea: for these the orator praises him: otherwise he was both cruel and covetous, read Josephus li 20 Antiq. ch. 11, & 12. and li 2 de bello Judaico ch. 12.

5 ^b Or heresy: for so the wicked termed the true Christian religion.

5 ^c Which taught the people to maintain their liberty against the Romans: and though the accusers approved both this sect and their doctrine, yet to get Paul punished, they seem to condemn it.

7 [^]Or, captain of a thousand.

10 ^d Or, governor: for before this he ruled Trachonites, Batanea, and Gaulantes.

10 ^e So that you art not ignorant of their factions.

11 ^f Not that his purpose was to worship there, but the Jews so found him by the counsel of others for he thought to have won the simple brethren, and to stop the enemies mouths.

Synagogues, nor in the city.

13 Neither can they prove the things, whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way (which they call ^gheresy) so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and the Prophets,

15 And have hope towards God, that the resurrection of the dead which they themselves look for also, shall be both of just & unjust.

16 And herein I endeavor my self to have alway a clear conscience toward God, and toward men.

17 Now after ^hmany years, I came and brought ^{*}alms to my nation and offerings.

18 ^{*}At what time, certain Jews of Asia found me purified in the Temple,

19 Neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

20 Who ^lought to have been present before thee, and accuse *me*, if they had ought against me.

21 Or let these themselves say, if they have found any unjust thing in me, while I stood in the Council,

22 Except *it be* for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, ^{*}Of the resurrection of the dead am I accused of you this day.

23 Now when Felix heard these things, he differed them, and said, When I shall more perfectly know the things which concern this [^]way, by the coming of Lysias the chief Captain, I will decide your matter.

24 Then he commanded a Centurion to keep Paul, and that he should have ease, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister unto him, or to come unto him.

25 ¶ And after certain days, came Felix with his wife Drusilla, which was a [^]Jewess, and he called forth Paul, and heard him of the faith in Christ.

26 And as he disputed of righteousness, and temperance, & of the judgement to come, Felix ^trembled, & answered, Go thy way for this time, and when I have convenient time, I will call for thee.

27 He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might lose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

28 When two years were expired, Porcius Festus came into Felix room: and *Felix* willing to [^]get favor of the Jews, left Paul bound.

Chapter 25

2 The Jews accuse Paul before Festus. 8 He answereth for him self, 11 And appealeth unto the Emperor. 14 His matter is rehearsed before Agrippa, 23 And he is brought forth.

When Festus was then come into the province, after three days he went up from Cesarea unto Jerusalem.

2 Then the high Priest, and the chief of the Jews appeared before him against Paul: and they besought him,

3 And ^adesired favor against him, that he would send for him to

14 ^g As the Scribes and Pharisees termed the Christian's doctrine.

17 ^h Meaning, that it was a long time since he had been at Jerusalem, which was when he brought alms.

17 ^{*}Chap 11.29, Rom. 15.26, 2 Cor 9.2.

18 ^{*}Chap 21.27.

20 ⁱ For his accusers spoke but upon a false report, which these bellows of Satan had blown abroad, and dare not themselves appear.

22 ^{*}Chap. 23.6.

23 [^]Or, sect.

25 ^k By whose counsel Felix called for Paul.

26 ^l The word of God makes the very wicked astonished, and therefore to them it is the savor of death unto death.

28 [^]Or, to do a pleasure.

Chapter 25

3 ^a The envious suit of the Priests against Paul.

Jerusalem: and they laid wait to kill him by the way.
 4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cesarea, and that he him self would shortly depart *thither*.
 5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are ^bable, come down with us: and if there be any wickedness in the man, let them accuse him.
 6 ¶ Now when he had tarried among them no more than ten days, he went down to Cesarea, and the next day sat in the judgement seat, and commanded Paul to be brought.
 7 And when he was come, the Jews which were come from Jerusalem, stood about him and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove,
 8 Forasmuch as he answered, ^cthat he had neither offended any thing against the Law of the Jews, neither against the Temple, nor against Cesar.
 9 Yet Fetus willing to ^aget favor of the Jews, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?
 10 Then said Paul, I stand at ^dCesar's judgement seat, where I ought to be ^ejudged: to the Jews I have done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.
 11 For if I have done wrong, or committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof they accuse me, no man can deliver me to them: I appeal unto Cesar.
 12 Then when Fetus had spoken with ^fthe Council, he answered, Hast thou appealed unto Cesar? unto Cesar shalt thou go.
 13 ¶ And after certain days, King Agrippa and ^gBernice came down to Cesarea to salute Festus.
 14 And when they had remained there many days, Festus proposed Paul's cause unto the King, saying, There is a certain man left in prison by Felix.
 15 Of whom when I came to Jerusalem, the high Priests and Elders of the Jews informed me, and desired to have judgement against him.
 16 To whom I answered, that it is not the manner of the Romaines for favor to deliver any man to the death before that he which is accused, have the accusers before him, and have place to defend him self, concerning the crime.
 17 Therefore when they were come hither, without delay the day following I sat on the judgement seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.
 18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought no crime of such things as I supposed:
 19 But had certain questions against him of their own ^hsuperstition, and of one Jesus which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.
 20 And because I doubted of such manner of question, I asked him whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things.
 21 But because he appealed to be reserved to the examination of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept, till I might send him to Cesar.
 22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man my self. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

5 b Which may most commodiously.

8 c Paul defends himself in judgement.

9 ^aOr, to do pleasure.

10 d Seeing himself betrayed by the ambition of the judge, he desires that in consideration of his freedom, he may be sent to Rome.

10 e It is lawful to require the defense of the Magistrate to maintain our right.

12 f Without whose consent he could do nothing.

13 g This was his own sister whom he entertained.

19 h This word does also signify religion: but he speaks in contempt of the true doctrine.

23 And on the morrow when Agrippa was come and Bernice with great pomp, and were entered into the ^aCommon hall with the chief captains and chief men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was bought forth.

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have called upon me, both at Jerusalem, and here, crying, that he ought not to live any longer.

25 Yet have I found nothing worthy of death, that he hath committed: nevertheless, seeing that he hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my ⁱLord: wherefore I have brought him forth unto you, and specially unto thee, King Agrippa, that after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

27 For me thinketh it unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not to shewe the causes which are *layed* against him.

Chapter 26

1 The innocencie of Paul is approved by rehearsing his conversation. 25 His modest answer against the injury of Festus.

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thy self. So Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for him self.

2 I think my self happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer this day before thee of all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Chiefly, because thou hast knowledge of all customs, and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore, I beseech thee, ^ato hear me patiently.

4 As touching my life from *my* childhood and what it was from the beginning among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews,

5 Which knew me heretofore (if they would testify) that after the most strait ^bsect of our religion I lived a Pharise.

6 And now I stand and am accused for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers.

7 Whereunto our twelve tribes instantly serving *God* day and night, hope to come: for the which hope's sake, ô King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible unto you, that God should raise again the dead?

9 I also verily thought in my self, that I ought to do many contrary things against the Name of Jesus of Nazaret.

10 ^{*}Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: for many of the Saints I shut up in prison, having received authority of the high Priests, and when they were put to death, I ^cgave *my* sentence.

11 And I punished them throughout all the Synagogues, and compelled them to blaspheme, and being more mad against them, I persecuted them, even unto strange cities.

12 At which time, even as I went to ^{*}Damascus with authority, and commission from the high Priests,

13 At midday, ô King, I saw in the way a light from heaven,

23 ^aOr, auditorie.

26 i Flatterers first used to call Tyrants by this name, and after it so grew into use, that virtuous princes refused it not, as appears by Plinie's epistles to Tralane.

Chapter 27

3 a Forasmuch as he best understood the religion, he ought to be more attentive.

5 b Paul speaks of this sect according to the people's estimation who preferred it as most holy above all others: for their doctrine was least corrupt.

10 ^{*}Chap 8.3.

10 c That is, I approved their cruelty which they used against him.

12 ^{*}Chap 9.2.

passing the brightness of the sun, shine round about me, and them which went with me.

14 So when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, *Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against prickles.

15 Then I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise and stand up on thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to appoint thee a minister and a witness, both of the things which thou hast seen, and of the things in the which I will appear unto thee,

17 Delivering thee from the ^apeople, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To ^oopen their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them, which are sanctified by faith in me.

19 Wherefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenlie vision,

20 *But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, and turn to God, and do works worthy amendment of life.

21 For this cause the Jews caught me in the *Temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Nevertheless, I obtained help of God, and continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and to great, saying none other things, then those which the Prophets and Moses did say should come,

23 *To wit*, that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shewe light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus answered for him self, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art besides thy self: much learning doeth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, *ô* noble Festus, but I speak the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the King knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak boldly: for I am persuaded that ⁱnone of these things are hid from him: for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 O King Agrippa, believest thou the Prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian.

29 Then Paul said, I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me today, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the King rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them.

31 And when they were gone apart, they talked between them selves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death, nor of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been losed, if he had not appealed unto Cesar.

Chapter 27

14 *Chap 9.4 and 22.7.

17 d Of the Jews.

18 e Although this properly appertains unto God, yet he applies this unto his ministers unto whom he gives his holie Spirit.

20 *Chap 13.13.

21 *Chap 21.30.

26 f He knew that the Law and the Prophets were of God, but he did not understand the true applying of the same.

2 *Paul's dangerous voyage and his company toward Rome. 44 How, and where they arrive.*

Now when it was concluded, that we should sail into Italie, they delivered both Paul, and certain other prisoners unto a Centurion named Julius, of the band of Augustus.

2 And *we entered into a ship of Adramyttium purposing to sail by the coasts of Asia, and launched forth, and had Aristarchus of Macedonia, a Thessalonian, with us.

3 And the next day we arrived at Sidon: and Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends, that they might refresh him.

4 And from thence we launched, and sailed hard by ^aCyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 Then sailed we over the sea by Cilicia, and Pamphylia, and came to Myra, a *city* in Lycia.

6 And there the Centurion found a ship of Alexandria, sailing into Italie, and put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come against Gnidum, because the wind suffered us not, we sailed hard by [^]Candie, nearto ^bSalmone,

8 And with much a do sailed beyond it, and came unto a certain place called the Faire havens, near unto the which was the city Lasea.

9 So when much time was spent, & sailing was now jeoperdous, because also the ^oFast was now passed, Paul exhorted *them*,

10 And said unto them, Syrs, I see that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not of the lading and ship only, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the Centurion believed rather the governor & the master of the ship, then those things which were spoken of Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, many took council to depart thence, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, *there* to winter, which is an haven of Candie, & lieth toward the Southwest & by West, & Northwest & by West.

13 And when the southern wind blew softly, they supposing to obtain their purpose, loosed nearer, and sailed by Candie.

14 But anon after, there arose by it a stormy wind called ^oEuroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not resist the wind, we let her go, and were carried away.

16 And we ran under a little yle named ^oClauda, and had much a do to get the boat.

17 Which they took up and used all help, undergirding the ship, fearing lest they should have fallen into Syrtes, and they let down the [^]vessel, and so were carried.

18 The next day when we were tossed with an exceeding tempest, they [^]lightened the ship.

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

2 *2 Cor 11.25.

4 a From Sidon to Myra they should have sailed north, and by west: but the winds caused them to sail to Cyprus plain North: thence to Cilicia North and by East, and so to Pamphylia, and Myra plain West.

7 [^]Or, Crete.

7 b Which was an high hill of Candie bowing to the seaward.

9 c This fast the Jews observed about the month of October in the Feast of their expiation, Levi. 23.37. So that Paul thought it better to winter there, then to sail in the deep of winter which was at hand.

14 d That is, the Northeast wind, or every East wind that is furious and stormy.

16 e This yle was West and by South from Candie straight toward the gulf Syrtes, which were certain boiling sands that swallowed up all that they caught.

17 [^]Or, boat.

18 [^]Or, cast out the wares.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay upon us, all hope that we should be saved, was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the middes of them, & said, Syrs, ye should have harkened to me, & not have loosed from Candie: so should ye have ^lgained this hurt and loss.

22 But now I exhort you to be of good courage: for there shalbe no loss of any man's life among you, save of the ship only.

23 For there stood by me this night the Angel of ^gGod, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul: for thou must be brought before Cesar: and lo, God hath given unto ^hthee all that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good courage: for I believe God, that it shalbe so as it hath been told me.

26 Howbeit, we must be cast into a certain yland.

27 And when the fourteenth night was come, as we were carried to and fro in the ^kAdriatical sea about midnight, the shipmen deemed that some country approached unto them,

28 And sounded, & found it twenty fathoms: & when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, & found fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest they should have fallen into some rough places, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished that the day were come.

30 Now as the mariners were about to flee out of the ship, and had let down the boat into the sea under a colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said unto the Centurion and the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ^lye can not be safe.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let it fall away.

33 And when it began to be day, Paul exhorted them all to take meat, saying, This is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried, and continued ^mfasting, receiving nothing.

34 Wherefore I exhort you to take meat: for this is for your safe-guard: for there shall not ⁿan hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, & gave thanks to God, in presence of them all, and brake it, and began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good courage, & they also took meat.

37 Now we were in the ship in all two hundred, three score and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the country, but they spied a certain creek with a bank, into the which they were minded (if it were possible) to thrust in the ship.

40 So when they had taken up the anchors, they committed *the ship* unto the sea, and losed the rudder bonds, and hoisted up the main sail to the wind, and drew to the shore.

41 And when they fell into a place, where two seas met, they thrust in the ship: and the fore part stuck fast, and could not be moved, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the

21 f That is, you should have saved the loss by avoiding the danger.

23 g They could not then reprove him of rashness, seeing that this was the ordinance of God.

24 h The graces and blessings, which God gives to his children, profit many times the enemies, which are unworthy to receive the fruits thereof.

25 i Faith is grounded upon the word of God.

27 k This sea in Strabos time was taken for all that part, which was about the mountains called Ceraunii and so divides Italie from Dalmatia, and goes up to Venice.

31 l Paul would use such means, as God had ordained, lest he should seem to have tempted him.

33 m He means an extraordinary abstinence, which came of the fear of death, and so took away their appetite.

34 n By this Hebrew phrase is meant that they should be in all points safe and sound, 1 Sam. 14.45, 1 King. 1.52, Mat. 10.30.

waves.

42 Then the soldiers' counsel was ^oto kill the prisoners, lest any of them, when he had swum out, should flee away.

43 But the Centurion willing to save Paul, staid them from *this* counsel, and commanded that they that could swim, should cast them selves first into the sea, and go out to land:

44 And the other, some on boards, & some on certain *pieces* of the ship: and so it came to pass, that they came all safe to land.

Chapter 28

2 Paul with his company are gently intreated of the barbarous people. 5 The viper hurteth him not. 8 He healeth Publius' father and others, and being furnished by them of things necessary, he fared toward Rome, 15 Where being received of the brethren, he declareth his business, 30 And there preacheth two years.

And when they were come safe, then they knewe hat the yle was called ^aMelita. 2 And the Barbarians shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present shower, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a number of sticks, and laid them on the [^]fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and leapt on his hand.

4 Now when the Barbarians saw the worm hang on his hand, they said among them selves, This man surely is a ^bmurderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet ^cVengeance hath not suffered to live.

5 But he shook off the worm into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they waited when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no inconvenience come to him, they changed their minds, and said, That he was a ^dGod.

7 In the same quarters, the chief man of the yle (whose name was Publius) had possessions: the same received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And so it was, that the father of Publius lay sick of the fever, and of a bloody flixe: to whom Paul entered in, and when he prayed, he laid *his* hands on him, and healed him.

9 When this then was done, other also in the yle, which had diseases, came to him and were healed,

10 Which also did us great honor: and when we departed, they laded us with things necessary.

11 ¶ Now after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the yle, whose badge was ^eCastor and Pollux.

12 And when we arrived at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days.

13 And from thence we set a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day, the South wind blew, and we came the second day to Putioli,

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days, and so we went toward Rome.

15 ¶ And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came

42 o This declares the great and barbarous ingratitude of the wicked, which can not be won by no benefits.

Chapter 28

1 a Now called Malta.

3 ^Or, heap.

4 b Such is the perverse judgement of men, that they condemn such as they see in any affliction.

4 c Whom they made a Goddess and called her Dice, or Nemesis.

6 d Behold the extremity of these infidels, and how much they are bent to superstition: for after one rage and error they fell into another.

11 e These the Paynims fained to be Jupiter's children, and gods of the sea.

to met us at the Market of Appius, and at the ^fThree [^]taverns, whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and waxed bold.

16 So when we came to Rome, the Centurion delivered the prisoners to the general Captain: but Paul was ^gsuffered to dwell by him self with a soldier that kept him.

17 And the third day after, Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or Laws of the fathers, *yet* was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romaines.

18 Who when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake contrary, I was constrained to appeal unto Cesar, not because I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: for the hope ^hof Israel's sake, I am bound with this chain.

21 Then they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning thee, neither came any of the brethren that shewed or spake any evil of thee.

22 But we will hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many unto him into *his* lodging, to whom he expounded and testified

15 f These places were distant from Rome a day's journey, or there about.

15 [^]Or, shops.

16 g No doubt the Captain understood both by Festus' letters, and also by the report of the under captain that Paul had committed no faute.

20 h That is, for Jesus Christ's cause, whom they had long looked for as he that should be the redeemer of the world.

the ⁱkingdom of God, and preached unto them concerning Jesus both out of the Law of Moses and out of the Prophets, from morning to night.

24 And some were persuaded with the things, which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 Therefore when they agreed not among them selves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, *to wit*, Well spake the holie Ghost by Esaias the Prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, ^{*}Go unto this people, and say, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand, and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive.

27 For the heart of this people is waxed fat, and their ears are dull of hearing, and with their eyes have they winked, lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* hearts, and should return that I might ^lheal them.

28 Be it knowen therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they shall hear it.

29 And when he had said these things, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among them selves.

30 And Paul remained two years full in an house hired for him self, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things, which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all boldness of speech, without let.

23 i That this kingdom, which was spoken of by the Prophets, was offered unto them by the coming of Christ.

26 ^{*}Isa, 6.9, Mat. 13.14, Mar. 4.12, Luk 8.10, John 12.40, Rom. 11.8.

26 k Hereby the hearts of the infidels ought to be mollified, and the weaklings confirmed that they be not offended by the stubbornest of the wicked.

27 l The word of God heals when the virtue of the Spirit is joined with it: and it is preached generally, that all might be inexcusable.