



Acts Chapter 16 Paul Circumcises Timothy!

So here we are finally at Acts chapter 16 and before we move forward I just want to once again say that if you have not been with us through all three of our last studies on Acts chapter 15... you're most likely not going to be able to understand what we find in Acts chapter 16.

So with that being said... lets read Acts Chapter 16:

Act 16:1 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek.

Act 16:2 He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium.

Act 16:3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Act 16:4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Act 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

Act 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Act 16:7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

Act 16:8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

Act 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Act 16:10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Act 16:11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

Act 16:12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days.

Act 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

Act 16:14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Act 16:15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Act 16:16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.

Act 16:17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

Act 16:18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

Act 16:19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers.

Act 16:20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.

Act 16:21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice."

Act 16:22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.

Act 16:23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

Act 16:24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

Act 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

Act 16:26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

Act 16:27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

Act 16:28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

Act 16:29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.

Act 16:30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Act 16:31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Act 16:32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

Act 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

Act 16:34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Act 16:35 But when it was day, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go."

Act 16:36 And the jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Therefore come out now and go in peace."

Act 16:37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and do they now throw us out secretly? No! Let them come themselves and take us out."

Act 16:38 The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens.

Act 16:39 So they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city.

Act 16:40 So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

Acts chapter 16 once again starts out by telling us that Timothy's mother was a Jew and his father was a Greek, and because of this fact I've seen many different denominational charters of men... (all created by men by the way) stumble and fall because once again... they do not take into consideration what's written in the Torah and the Tannach and the writings of the Prophets (aka the "Old Testament").

There have been several different doctrinal teachings concerning the commandment of circumcision that have come out of any one of 5000 different denominational charters of today's' modern day Christianity... but it's important to understand that only one of them... is true and correct according our Father and what his scripture says.

Now for those of you who are just jumping into this study for the first time... let me share with you the commandment from our Father that requires all believing gentiles to be circumcised:

Exo 12:48 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.

Exo 12:49 There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

Num 15:14 And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or anyone is living permanently among you, and he wishes to offer a food offering, with a pleasing aroma to the LORD, he shall do as you do.

Num 15:15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD.

Num 15:16 One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

If you're a gentile and you have not been circumcised then you are not allowed to partake of his Passover period according to the scripture.

And now I've even heard people try to say that if you're in Jesus you don't have to be

circumcised because he was circumcised so you don't have to be... but what did our own Messiah tell us with his own breath and with his own tongue and in his own red letter words?

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

The idea that Paul ever taught against circumcision for either the Jew or the Gentile goes directly against what the scripture and our Messiah says... for instance... our own Messiah told us very clearly with his own breath and his own tongue and in his own red letter words, that not the crossing of a "T" or the dotting of an "I" would pass from the law until Heaven and Earth Pass away and all things are accomplished in Matthew 5:18.

And we know that Heaven and Earth do not pass away until Revelation chapter 21, and all things are not accomplished until after Heaven and Earth does pass away and a new Heaven and a new Earth are put in place by our Father.. according to... our Messiah.

So just to better understand these things lets go visit both Matthew 5:18... and then lets turn to Revelation chapter 21 so that we can better understand what our Messiah was talking about:

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

So if this is true... and if our Messiah was correct... and if he knew what he was talking about... then the word "fulfill" in verse 17 can not possibly mean that he did away with his Fathers law so that we don't have to be bothered with them can it?

If indeed his Fathers law stands... and not the crossing of a "T" or the dotting of an "i" will be removed from his Fathers law until "Heaven and Earth pass away"... and "All things are accomplished"... then there is no possible way... that the word "fulfill" in verse 17 can possibly mean that he did away with his Fathers laws so we don't have to be bothered with them.

So when do we see Haven and earth pass away in the timeline of scripture?

So when are "all things accomplished" like our Messiah said in Matthew 5:18?... Don't we think it might be a good idea to check the scripture and find out? Would it not be important to know when this time is.... that our Messiah is talking about in Matthew 5:18? When will Heaven and Earth pass away according to the scripture that he left us with?

Lets take a look at Revelation chapter 21 verse 1 through 6.

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Is that hard to understand? Because I want us to just think about this for just a minute or two. Is this hard to understand? Because it doesn't seem all that hard to understand to me... does it seem hard to understand to you? When does he say all things are accomplished? He says all things are accomplished in Revelation chapter 21 verse 6 when he says "IT...IS...DONE!".

Now my friends these Pastors, Bishops, Priests, and Popes that are all telling us that Gods laws are all nailed to a cross somewhere, and that you're "once saved always saved" and that it's okay to live a "Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" kind of lifestyle... are simply lying to us, and their lying to our children.

And if you think for one minute that that is completely impossible... you ask your Pastor at your church (if you're still attending one)... if he knows that December 25th is not Jesus birthday.

You ask him if he is aware of the fact that December 25th is not our Messiah's birthday and YOU see what he says.

Because he knows that December 25th is not our Messiah's birthday... and yet he'll teach and he'll preach that it is his birthday... and not only will he teach and preach that the Catholic created man made, man created, man fabricated, Christ-mass is our Messiah's birthday... he'll also condone teaching your children that their gifts come from a pagan man... in a red suit... that has his own good book.... that your childrens names must all be written in if they believe in... and if they have faith in... his beloved "Santa Clause".

And he'll preach and teach the lie that says it's alright in the eyes of God our Father for you to do this.

Ask your Pastor if he knows that our Messiah did not die on “Good Friday”... because he knows that our Messiah did not die on “Good Friday”.

These Pastors, Priests, Bishops, and Popes all know that Yahshua Jesus did not die on the Catholic created, man made, man created, man fabricated “Good Friday” because they indeed have studied their Bibles and they know better. They know it's a lie.

They all know full well that all four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all agree... that our Messiah died on Passover Day... not “Good Friday.

My friends there is nothing good... about “Good Friday” unless your a Devil worshiper... and that may sound harsh to some people... and if it does....GOOD! WAKEUP!

Your very salvation is at stake here.. and this is not a game.

And our Messiah even goes farther and warns us that who ever relaxes even one of the least of these commandments will be called least in the kingdom of Heaven, and he even says this in the very next sentence:

Mat 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
Mat 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Now there's something else that I want us to see in this scripture... and that is that it does not say that “you”... will be in Heaven... it simply says that you will be called least by those who are in Heaven.

To many people want to simply read into the scripture that they themselves will be in Heaven... but that's not what the scripture says does it?

Ask your Pastor what High Priest, what Prophet, or what Apostle, ever said that the first day of the week Sunday... was going to be Gods new Sabbath?

You want to watch your Pastor turn red... you ask him any one of these questions and you'll see him point to scripture after scripture after scripture trying to bend and twist, and manipulate and turn the scriptures inside out in order to get you to believe, in the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.... but he'll never be able to produce on High Priest, not one Prophet, not one Apostle, not our Messiah and certainly not his Father who ever commanded there to be a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.

And he'll go to his "Church Fathers" and he'll go to his denominational belief system and he'll take you on a complete merrygoround ride but he'll never be able to point to our Messiah, or his Father or the Ruach Hakodesh, or an Apostle, a High Priest, or a Prophet or anyone... who ever commands us to get rid of our Fathers 7th day Sabbath that he said would be a sign between him and his people... a perpetual agreement for all generations for ever... and move it to the first day of the week.

It's not in there and you can't find it... and the reason you can't find it... is because it's not in there.

Exo 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exo 20:9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

Exo 20:10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

There is one day out of the week that our Father made holy my friends and it's clearly not the first day of the week.

And I want us all to notice something else here in this scripture my friends just so your not led astray by another man made, man created, man fabricated doctrine called the "Lunar Sabbath".

Does our Father say anything about the moon when it comes to his 7th day Sabbath... when it comes to calculating his 7th day Sabbath does he say that it's based on some lunar calculation or not? NO IT DOSE NOT!

The 7th day Sabbath of our Father has nothing to do with the moon... period. So watch out for that one because it's just another man made, man created, man fabricated doctrine created to do nothing more than to get rid of our Fathers 7th day Sabbath... remember... our Fathers 7th day Sabbath is a sign between him and us... do not let them lie to you or to your children.

This is just another false doctrine that men have made up by twisting, and bending, and manipulating scripture to try and get people to think that the 7th day Sabbath of our Father depends on the moon.

Simply put my friends... it does not, and our Father tells us very clearly that he worked six days and rested on the 7th DAY... and made that 7TH DAY... Holy. And I just wanted to mention that very quickly because theirs a hole demonically inspired teaching going around now about what they call "the Lunar Sabbath" and it's nothing but another trick to pull us away from

commanded Sabbath of our Father that he commands us to “Remember”.

But here's my point in all of this:

These Pastors, Priest, Bishops and Popes that we now have in our time are no different from the Saducees and Pharisees of our Messiah's time. And they love to point to their “Church Fathers” to try and make you think that their “Church Fathers” were some kind of God ordained Prophets or that they were in the blood line of Aaron and were some kind of High Priests... or that they and they only have the inherent understanding of scripture.....my fiends their “Church Fathers” were nothing but flesh and bone men just like you and I.. and they have no say over what the scripture does or does not say, and we were warned about calling men on earth our spiritual “fathers” by our own Messiah.

Mat 23:8 *But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.*

Mat 23:9 *And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.*

Mat 23:10 *Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.*

Mat 23:11 *The greatest among you shall be your servant.*

So do not let them bald faced like to you and to your children. Every time I hear one of these wolves in sheep's clothing try to tell me what the scripture says according to their “Church Father” I simply turn them off just as my Messiah commands me to turn...them...off.

To try and say that scripture can only be interpreted by some guy that they decide that they want to call their “Church Father” is blasphemous on it's face according to our Messiah and what we find in scripture.

Our discernment comes not from their “Church Fathers” but from the very Spirit of our Messiah and his Father.

Joh 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

And its the same thing with this denominational argument over circumcision. Paul took Timothy and circumcised him because they were delivering a letter to the churches that contained the judgment from James and the Jerusalem council that was for circumcision not against it... and once again if you think James or the Jerusalem council ever taugt against circumcision you need to watch our three part study on Acts chapter 15 and see with your own eyes and hear with your own ears what the scripture has to say and stop listening to these men who want to become your “Church Fathers”.

Hear the truth of Gods Word and then take it to your prayer closet and bow your head and bend your knees and face the promised holy land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yahshua Hamashiach if these things be true.... or not.

Now I want us to notice what it says about the Ruach Hakodesh in verse 16:

Act 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Notice... they were forbidden by who to speak the Word in Asia?... they were forbidden by the Ruach Hakodesh... the very spirit of God... and so they obeyed. Once again they did not go to seek permission from a man but rather their instructions came from the Ruach Hakodesh.

What does it say in verse 7?

Act 16:7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

We must remember who this Ruach Hakodesh is... the Holy Spirit is the very Spirit of our Father and his son that fills us and dwells with in us:

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Joh 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Joh 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Of course then Paul has a vision of a man from Macedonia who is beckoning him to come help them in Macedonia and so they go to Macedonia.

Now notice what Paul says in verse 13:

Act 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

Now what day do you suppose the Sabbath day was that Paul was speaking of? It was Gods 7th Day Sabbath not mans 1st day Sabbath.

Another very important thing I want us to see before we close here is what we find in verses 16 through 18:

Act 16:16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.

Act 16:17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

Act 16:18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

Notice that Paul uses the name Yahshua Hamashiach (Jesus Christ) to get this demon to come out of this slave girl, and I just want to say this... you can not use this name to expel demons from people if you yourself are not a believer.

If you are not well grounded and doing and keeping the commandments of Yahovah our Father... don't even think about trying to expel demons from anyone. And let me remind you of who a true man of God is verses a wolf in sheep's clothing for those of you who don't know how to tell the difference:

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

If you think you have demons living in your house or in one of your relatives you don't need to call "Ghost Busters"... you need to call on Yahovah and you need to get in contact with men who are doing and keeping the things of Yahovah and men who are keeping his commandments, and his Sabbaths and obeying his precepts.

If you think you can call some paranormal investigator to come and help you all you're going to do is make things worse.

Listen to what happened to the sons of Sceva when they tried to use the name of Yahshua Jesus to expel a demon:

Act 19:13 Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."

Act 19:14 Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.

Act 19:15 But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?"

Act 19:16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Act 19:17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

These principalities in high places should not be played with, nor should they be part of your entertainment. Remember what I said about Vampires and Demons.

Demons are just like Vampires... they can only enter your home if you invite them... do not invite them.