

FOUNDING THE CHURCH IN PHILIPPI.

Acts. ch.15--16.

1. ACTIVITY ON THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH. 15:

- a. Judas & Silas--"prophets themselves", and "Chief men among the brethren." 15:32; 15:22
These had been sent to Antioch with the Council's decision. They were in Antioch.
- b. They had accompanied Paul and Barnabas. 22.
- c. Paul & Barnabas continued in Antioch:
"Preaching the Word of the Lord" with many others.

2. THE MATTER OF PAUL AND BARNABAS. 15:35-41.

Trouble between workers who both feel they are right. Can it be avoided? On the field?

- a. It had to do with John Mark, who had left on a previous journey 13:13.
- b. Barnabas,--the uncle--"minded" to take him. (ebouletto--Bouleuo--To counsel, purpose.)
- c. Paul thought "not good" (axios--meet, or fit) to take a man who had left them in Pamphylia.

What is to be done with men who leave the work? Mark might have been lost to the cause if Paul had won. Did this trouble make him? cf 2 Tim.4:11.

- d. The contention was go great. The word that is used is paroxysm.

Was Paul too severe on the young man?

Was Barnabas too lenient on him?

Were they both in fault because they allowed the matter to get out of hand?

- e. This quarrel separated friends. It was overruled for God's glory, in that two bands were formed instead of one.

f. Barnabas went to Cyprus, his native place. Paul went to Cilicia 41, his native place. Both were affected by their love of home. Paul & Silas were, and Barnabas & Mark were not, recommended by the church.