

## Chapter 16

*Paul hauing for his part vifited the Churches of Syria, Cilicia, and Lycaonia, deliuering vnto them withal to keep the Decrees of the Councel; 6. beginneth a new iourney, ouer Phrygia, Galatia, Myfia: 8. Yea into Europe alfo he paffeth, admonished by a vifion, and cometh into Macedonia, 12. and there he beginneth the Church of the Philippians, working miracles, and fuffering perfecution.*

Iew **A**nd he came to Derbe and Lyftra. And behold, there was a certaine Difciple there named Timothee, the fonne of ‘a widow’ woman that beleued, of a father a Gentile. <sup>2</sup>To this man the Brethren that were in Lyftra and Iconium, gaue a good teftimonie. <sup>3</sup>Him Paul would haue to goe forth with him: and taking him he circumcified him becaufe of the Iewes that were in thofe places. For they al knew that his father was a Gentile.

<sup>4</sup> And when they paffed through the cities, they deliuered vnto them to keepe the <sup>a</sup>)decrees that were decreed of the Apoftles and Ancients which were at Hierufalem. <sup>5</sup> And the Churches were confirmed in faith, and did abound in number daily.

<sup>6</sup> And pafing through Phrygia and the countrie of Galatia, they were <sup>b</sup>)forbidden by the Holy Ghofte to preach the word in Afia. <sup>7</sup> And when they were come into Myfia, they attempted to goe into Bithynia; and the Spirit of IESVS permitted them not.

<sup>8</sup> And when they had paffed through Myfia, they went downe to Troas: <sup>9</sup> and a vifion by night was fhewed

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<sup>a</sup> Here again they take order that the decrees and articles of faith agreed vpon in the Councel of Hierufalem, fhould be executed & obserued. Whereby we fee both the great authoritie of Councils, & the diligence that al Prelates ought to haue to fee the Decrees & Canons of the Councils put in executiō.

<sup>b</sup> This people had not the Ghofpel denied vnto them altogether, but for a time: becaufe (as Venerable Bede thinketh) God forefaw they would not beleue, & fo should haue beē more grieuoufly damned.

to Paul. There was a certaine man of Macedonia standing and beseeching him, and saying: Paffe into Macedonia, and help vs. <sup>10</sup> And as soone as he had seen the vision, forthwith we fought to goe into Macedonia, being assured that God had called vs to euangelize to them. <sup>11</sup> And sailing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the day following to Neapolis: <sup>12</sup> and from thence to Philippi, which is the first citie of the part of Macedonia, a <sup>a)</sup>*Colonia*. And we were in this citie certaine daies abiding. <sup>13</sup> And vpon the day of the Sabbath, we went forth without the gate beside a riuier, where it seemed that there was a praier: & fitting we spake to the women that were assembled. <sup>14</sup> And a certaine woman named Lydia, a seller of purple of the citie of the Thyatirians, one that worshipped God, did heare: whose hart our Lord opened to attend to those things which were said of Paul. <sup>15</sup> And when she was baptized, & her house, she besought vs, saying: If you haue iudged me to be faithful to our Lord, enter into my house & tarie. And she constrained vs. <sup>16</sup> And it came to passe as we went to praier, a certaine wench hauing a Pythonical spirit, met vs, that brought great gaine to her Maisters by diuining. <sup>17</sup> This same following Paul & vs, cried saying: <sup>b)</sup>These mẽ are the seruãts of the high God, which preach vnto you the way of saluatiõ. <sup>18</sup> And this she did many daies. And Paul being forie, and turning, said to the spirit: I command thee in the name of IESVS CHRIST to goe out from her. And he went out the same houre. <sup>19</sup> But her Maisters seeing that the hope of their gaine was gone, apprehending Paul and Silas, brought them into the market place to the Princes: <sup>20</sup> and presenting them to the Magistrates, they said: These men trouble our citie, being Iewes: <sup>21</sup> and

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<sup>a</sup> *Colonia*, is such a citie where the most inhabitants are strangers, sent thither from other great cities & States, namely from the Romanes.

<sup>b</sup> Either the Diuel was compelled by the vertue of Paul's preference to say truth, or els (as such doe oftentimes) he spake truth now, that they might the more trust him, and he better beguile them at other times.

they preach a fasion which it is not lawful for vs to re-  
 ceiue, nor doe, being Romanes. <sup>22</sup> And the people ranne  
 againft them: and the Magiftrates tearing their coates,  
 commanded them to be beaten with roddes. <sup>23</sup> And  
 2. *Cor. 11.* when they had laid many ftripes vpon them, they did  
 caft them into prifon, commanding the keeper that he  
 fhould keep them diligently. <sup>24</sup> Who when he had re-  
 ceiued fuch commandement, caft them into the inner  
 prifon, and made their feet faft in the ftocks. <sup>25</sup> And at  
 mid-night Paul and Silas praying, did praife God. And  
 they that were in prifon, heard them. <sup>26</sup> But fodenly  
 there was made a great earthquake, fo that the founda-  
 tions of the prifon were fhaken. And forthwith al the  
 doores were opened: and the bands of al were loofed.  
<sup>27</sup> And the keeper of the prifon waked out of his fleep,  
 and feeing the doores of the prifon opened, drawing out  
 his fword, would haue killed himfelf, fuppofing that the  
 prifonners had been fled. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud  
 voice, faying: Doe thy felf no harme, for we are al here.  
<sup>29</sup> And calling for light, he went in, and trembling fel  
 downe to Paul and Silas at their feet: <sup>30</sup> and bringing  
 them forth, he faid: Maifters, what muft I doe that I  
 may be faued? <sup>31</sup> But they faid: <sup>a</sup>)Beleeue in our Lord  
 IESVS; and thou fhalt be faued and thy houfe. <sup>32</sup> And  
 they preached the word of our Lord to him with al that  
 were in his houfe. <sup>33</sup> And he taking them in the fame  
 houre of the night, <sup>b</sup>)wafhed their wounds: and himfelf  
 was baptized and al his houfe incontinent. <sup>34</sup> And when  
 he had brought them into his owne houfe, he laid the  
 table for them, and reioyced with al his houfe, beleeuing  
 God. <sup>35</sup> And when day was come, the Magiftrates fent  
 the Sergeants, faying: Let thofe men goe. <sup>36</sup> And the  
 keeper of the prifon told thefe words to Paul, That the  
 Magiftrates haue fent that you fhould be let goe. Now  
 therefore departing, goe ye in peace. <sup>37</sup> But Paul faid to

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<sup>a</sup> It is no other faith that faueth but that which worketh by Charitie.  
*Aug. Enchirid. c. 67.*

<sup>b</sup> Happie Gailers that doe mercie toward their godly prifonners, and  
 receiue againe by them fuch fpiritual benefites.

them: Being whipped openly, vncondemned, men that are Romanes, they haue caft vs into prifon: & now doe they fend vs out fecretly? Not fo, but let them come, & let vs out themfelues. <sup>38</sup> And the Sergeants reported thefe wordes to the Magiftrates. And they were afraid hearing that they were Romanes: <sup>39</sup> and comming they befought them, & bringing thẽ forth they defired thẽ to depart out of the citie. <sup>40</sup> And going out of the prifon, they entred in vnto Lydia: and hauing feen the Brethren, they comforted them, and departed.