

THE BEREAN CHRISTIANS
ACTS 17:10-12

I. FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS ABOUT THE BEREANS

A. THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH READINESS OF MIND

[Acts 17:11-12; 2 Tim.1:13-14]

B. THEY SEARCHED THE WORD AS A CHURCH [John 5:39]

C. THEY BELIEVED THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

[Rom.10:9; 2 Cor.5:19; Acts 17:12; 2 Cor.3:17-18; Psa.1:1-2; Psa.119:105; Eph.6:12-17; Matt.24:24; 1 Jn.4:1; 2 Tim.3:16-17]

II. OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT THE BEREANS

A. UNBIASED TOWARD THE SCRIPTURES

[Acts 17:11; Matt.13:15; Prov.18:13]

B. DISCERNIBLE TO THE TRUTH

[Acts 17:11c; 1 Thess.5:21; 1 Jn.4:1; 1 Cor.2:14]]

C. FERVENT IN SPIRIT [Rom.12:11; 2 Peter 3:3-7; Acts 17:12]

III. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BEREANS

A. L - LISTENING AND LEARNING “*they received the Word with all readiness of mind.*” [2 Tim.2:15; 2 Tim.4:2; 1 Tim.4:12-16]

B. O - OPENNESS AND OBEDIENCE [Acts 17:12; 1 Sam.15:22-23]

C. V - VERIFICATION “*and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*” [Acts 17:11]

D. E - EXAMINE, ENDURE, EXPERIENCE “*...thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*” [2 Tim.3:16-17]