

The New Testament Church – An Examination of the Churches Planted by Paul during His Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:22) (ca. A.D. 50-52)

The Churches of Macedonia & Greece & the church at Ephesus

Scripture References	Name and Location	Characters Involved	Events and Time Frame	Additional Notes	Strengths/Weaknesses
Acts 16:12-40	The church at Philippi	Paul, Silas, Timothy, Luke. Lydia and her household, Jailor and his household, Others.	Second Missionary Journey	Lydia was from Thyatira – later a church in Thyatira was formed. Perhaps Lydia had something to do with this since she was instrumental in planting the church at Philippi. <i>Perhaps the Spirit prevented Paul's team from entering Bythinia because Peter was involved in planting churches there.</i> <i>The church in Babylon (1 Pet. 5:13)</i>	Giving church but there was a division between two ladies, that we trust was later resolved.
Acts 17:1-9	The church at Thessalonica	Paul, Silas, Timothy.	Spent about three weeks here. But God blessed and formed a church.	(17:4) Converts: devout Greeks a great multitude, chief women not a few. Church met in the house of Jason (17:5-7)	Loved prophecy but were confused. They had lazy and disobedient members (2 Thess. 3:11,14).
Acts 17:10-14	The church at Berea	Paul, Silas, Timothy.		Converts: (v.12) Many of them also believed; honorable Greek women, and men, not a few.	They were more noble than the Thess. because they searched the Scriptures.
Acts 17:15-34	The church at Athens	Paul		(v.14) Certain men came unto him and believed: among which was Dionysius, Damaris, and others with them.	
Acts 18:1-18	The church at Corinth	Paul, Aquila, Pricilla, Justus, Crispus, Sosthenes. (1 Cor. 1:1) Later Paul sent Timothy (1 Cor. 4:17) and Titus (2 Cor. 7:6-7) to help them. Apollos pastored them for a while (1 Cor. 3:6).	A year and a half		Paul wrote 1 & 2 Thess. Filled with immaturity and carnality (1 Cor. 1:10-17; 3:1-3). Pride (1 Cor. 4:8). Tolerated immorality (1 Cor. 5:1-2; 6:15-18; 2 Cor. 12:21). Taking each other to court (1 Cor. 6:1-6). Mocking the Lord's table (1 Cor. 11). Abusing spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14).
Acts 18:19-21	The church at Ephesus	Paul, Aquila, Pricilla. Tychicus was a helper (Eph. 6:21-22).	Spent 3 years on this third missionary journey (Acts 20:31).	The church met at a lecture hall (Acts 19:9-10).	This church may have been pastored by Apollos (Acts 18:24-28); Timothy (1 Tim. 1:3); John. Paul went house to house (Acts 20:20) This church was the only one that received two apostolic letters from Paul and John (Rev. 2:1-7).