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# The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

## Opposition and Acceptance Acts 17:1–15





**PAUL'S FIRST AND SECOND**

**Acts 17:1, “Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.”**











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**Acts 17:17, “Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.”**

**Acts 18:4, “And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.”**

**Acts 18:19, “And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.”**

**Acts 19:8, “And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.”**

**Acts 19:9, “But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.”**

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**“to set before;  
commend”**

**1 Pet. 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”**



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**aor pass indic 3 plur**  
**to join with**

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**acc masc sing**

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**ἀναστατόω *anastatoō***

**aor act part masc plur nom**

**“to agitate, subvert,  
overthrow”**

**1 Thess. 2:14, “For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,**

**1 Thess. 2:15, “who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men,”**

**1 Thess. 2:16, “forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.”**

**Acts 17:7, “Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.”**

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**ταράσσω *tarassō***

**aor act indic 3 plur “to trouble”**

**Luke uses a variety of synonyms to show the different ways the crowds react to the gospel.**

**Acts 17:9, “So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.”**

**Acts 17:10, “Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.”**

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**Acts 24:8, “commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him.”**

**Acts 28:18, “who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death.”**

**1 Cor. 2:14, “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

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**προθυμία *prothumia***

**gen fem sing**

**willingness, eagerness,  
goodwill**

**Acts 17:12, “Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.”**

**Acts 17:13 “But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.”**

**Acts 17:14, “Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there.**

**Acts 17:15, “So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.”**