

LESSON I—July 4th, 1897.

First Converts in Europe. ACTS 16: 6-15.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

What disagreement arose between Paul and Barnabas? (15: 37-39). Whom did Paul select as his companion? Where do we first read of him? (15: 22). With what other apostle do we find him associated at a later period? (1 Pet. 5: 12). What other companions did Paul find? Why did he circumcise Timothy while believing that circumcision was not necessary? Trace on the map the route followed.

6. Did Paul again visit Galatia? (18: 23). How does Paul shew his regard for these converts? (Gal. 4: 13-19)

7. In what other passages is the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Jesus, or of Christ? (Rom. 8: 9; Gal. 4: 6; Phil. 1: 19; 1 Pet. 1: 11).

8. What other divinely called person was led by an unseen guide? (Heb. 11: 8, compare Ps. 37: 23; Prov. 16: 9). Point out the places named on the map.

9. Some other "visions" that were not dreams,—ch. 9: 10; 10: 3; 18: 9. The same word occurs in Matt. 17: 9 and Acts 7: 31.

10. Is it possible that Paul needed the services of a physician at this time? (Gal. 4: 13, 14). How long did Luke remain with Paul? (17: 1). When did he rejoin him? (20: 5, 6). Trace on the map the course of the vessel.

13. Why did Jews love to assemble by the riverside? (Ps. 137: 1; Ezra 8: 15, 21). Why were there no men there? (ch. 18: 2, and remember that Philippi was a "colony.") Why were Paul and his company not excluded by the decree referred to? (verse 37).

14. Whose hearts will God open? (Matt. 11: 25; Mark 10: 15; Luke 24: 45; 1 Cor. 3: 6, 7). Where is Thyatira? (see map).

15. Note other instances of household baptism (Acts 11: 14; 16: 32, 33; 18: 8; 1 Cor. 1: 16). Children addressed in the epistles as members of the church, (Eph. 6: 1, 2; Col. 3: 20) and forgiven, (1 John 2: 12). Hospitality as a christian duty (1 Pet. 4: 9; Heb. 13: 2; Gen. 18: 2; 19: 3; 1 Tim. 5: 10; 3 John 5-8; Luke 24: 29; 2 Kings 4: 8-10).

LESSON II—July 11th, 1897.

Paul and the Philippian Jailer. ACTS 16: 22-34.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

What led to the arrest of Paul and Silas? (1 Tim. 6: 10). What was the matter with the girl? Did demons bear similar testimony to Christ? (Mark 1: 23-26; 3: 11; Luke 4: 34, 35). Why was Paul annoyed?

22. How often did Paul suffer this form of punishment? (2 Cor. 6: 5; 11: 25). Does he refer again to this occasion? (2 Thess. 2: 2).

23. What merciful provision in the Jewish law restricted the punishment of whipping? (Deut. 25: 3; 2 Cor. 11: 24). What other scourging does this call to mind? (Matt. 27: 26).

24. What Old Testament prophet was similarly treated? (Jer. 20: 2; 29: 26).

25. Instances of joy under persecution? (Acts. 5: 41; 2 Cor. 12: 10). Why were they glad? (Matt. 5: 10-12; 2 Cor. 4: 17; 12: 10; Phil. 1: 29; Jas. 1: 2, 3; 1 Pet. 4: 12, 13, 14).

26. When was a similar testimony given to the divine presence? (Acts 4: 31). Compare Peter's deliverances from prison (ch. 5: 19; 12: 7). On what other occasion did supernatural earthquakes occur? (Matt. 27: 51; 28: 2, contrast 1 Kings 19: 11).

27. An instance in which guards suffered death for the escape of a prisoner (ch. 12: 19). When was Paul's life in danger owing to this law? (ch. 27: 42.)

30. What answer did John the Baptist give to a similar question? (Luke 3: 10). How does James reconcile the two? (Jas. 2: 26). What answer was given on the day of Pentecost? (Note and explain the difference). What answer was given to Paul? (ch. 9: 6).

31. Shew that the children of believers are received, along with their parents, into covenant relationship with God (Gen. 17: 7; Acts 2: 39; Rom. 9: 8; Gal. 3: 14, 29).

33. Shew the improbability that the mode was immersion (vs. 36-40). Give other instances of household baptism (ch. 11: 4; 1 Cor. 1: 16).