

**“WHEN THE GOOD NEWS IS BAD NEWS”**

**ACTS 19:21-41**

**Satilla Baptist Church**

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**I. INTRODUCTION (19:1-20)**

a. Review

i. Paul at Ephesus, he would minister there 3 years

1. The necessary Filling of the Holy Spirit (1-7)
2. Unusual Miracles (11-12)
3. Do it Yourself Religion (13-16)
4. Real Religion (17-20)

ii. “Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed”

1. How did that happen?

- a. One life at a time. Revival and Evangelism happens one life at a time.
- b. Individuals heard the Good News, believed it, Confessed and Turned from their sins and Began a new life in Christ.
- c. Families changed. Communities changed. They talked different, they acted different, they went to different places,
- d. In short, things changed.

iii. When the Good news is bad news.

1. This change was not good news for everybody.

**II. “THE GREAT COMMOTION” (19:23-25)**

a. “The Way”

- i. Used 5 times in the Book of Acts to describe Christianity. From Jesus Words, “I am the Way, The Truth, and The Life”

b. Demetrius

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- i. 2 people by this name in Scripture, here and in 3<sup>rd</sup> John a believer commended by John for his faithfulness and love.
- ii. Silversmith who made silver shrines of the goddess Diana (Latin)(Artemis-Greek)
  - 1. Annual Festival honoring this goddess held each year in Ephesus, Her Temple in Ephesus was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- iii. He and those of his trade prospered greatly by making and selling images of the Goddess Diana (Artemis)

**III. THE BAD NEWS (26-27)**

- i. Paul has persuaded and turned “many people” saying there are not gods made with hands.
- ii. Good news vs bad news
- iii. Losing Money
- iv. Losing Prestige
- v. Great Temple in danger of becoming unused and no longer honored.

**IV. THE RECIPE FOR A RIOT (28-34)**

- a. Uncontrolled Wrath
- b. Confusion
- c. Haste
- d. Violence
- e. Ignorance
- f. Refusal to listen to another opinion instead breaking into a chant.

**V. SALT AND LIGHT (37)**

- a. Neither Robbers of Temples (Honest, Not taking advantage of others)

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- b. Nor Blasphemers of our Goddesses (Paul, although speaking the Truth did not dishonor their beliefs. He was not tearing down their idols or spitting on their idols.)
- c. The Way you spread Truth is by turning it loose, not by attacking the lies.
- d. Do not Curse the Darkness, Turn on the Light.