

***Sermon Title:* "RECEIVING THE WORD IN BEREA"**

Date: October 15, 2023 - Acts 17:10-15

Central Idea: Devout Christians will eagerly study the Word of God. Are you an eager student?

Introduction: The name Berea needs little introduction in Christian circles. It stands for serious Bible study by those who wish to learn what God has to say in His word. The Bereans were open-minded. When the message was given, they received it readily and were eager to listen and learn. Such an enthusiastic response is rare. The Bereans teach us not only to listen to someone's explanation of a scripture passage, but also to carefully examine the exposition to see whether or not it is true to the biblical text.

I. The Gospel Considered vv. 10-11

- 1. They were thoughtful. v. 11**
- 2. They were receptive. v. 11**

II. The Gospel Accepted v. 12

- 1. The Outcome**
- 2. The Diversity**

III. The Gospel Hindered vv. 13-15

- 1. The Bad Example**
- 2. The Immediate Results**

Conclusion: The Bible continues to be at the top of the bestseller list throughout the world. But at the same time, the Bible continues to be the most neglected book in the lives of those who own a copy. The desire to possess it is not matched by the desire to know its message. In many homes the Bible gathers dust and is a forgotten book. For the Bereans, the Scriptures were basic, relevant, and precious. Can you say the same?