

“PAUL HAS PERSUADED AND TURNED AWAY A GREAT MANY PEOPLE”

ACTS 19:17-41

I. The new spiritual life of repentance changes the world around us

The presence of light has a great effect on the darkness;

1 PETER 2:11-17

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

The light affects believers and non-believers alike;

JOHN 3:19-20

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

II. The new life of spiritual repentance brings persecution

2 TIMOTHY 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

III. The new life of spiritual repentance brings God's unexpected provision