

SCCC – THE FOLLOWERS OF THE WAYS

S - Scriptures

“About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.” Acts 19: 23

C – Consideration

The “Way” is a term to define Christianity. In chapter fifteen of Acts, the meaning is well explained by the Scriptures. It shows the Way as a person, Jesus Christ, the Way it is Jesus’ message, “In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.” Remember that Jesus had said: “I am the way...” “So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.” The Way is also the power and authority of Christ, “One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” “...extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.” How would people respond to the Way? It is a very important question, which is also answered in the chapter. Some become followers of the Way proved by repentance “Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done.” And by following the Way: “Many of those who believed.... and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.” However, others did not accept, instead they turned against the Way and enemies of those followers of the Way, “But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way.” “About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way.”

Commitment

Jesus spoke about two roads, a narrow one and a broad one. The narrow road is Jesus; while the broad one is the way of the world whose leader is Satan. There are no other ways, just two. Or we are following one, or the other. There are some contrasts between them: Jesus’ group is smaller, while the world’s crowd is much larger; the followers of the way of the world will disturb, hate, persecute, and malign the followers of the “Way.” Meanwhile, Christians will proclaim, honor, serve, love, and obey their Lord. In the end, the followers of the “Way” will go to heaven, while the followers of the way of the world will end up in their eternal destination, hell.

C – Call

My God, there was a time in my life that I was in the wrong way, heading to my destruction. However, You had sent a “Paul” to lead me to the new Way. I believed and repented of my evil deeds. It was an act of mercy from You. How can I be thankful enough? I pray, for the followers of the Way, that we would be bold to tell the terrible end that the broad road will lead the crowds, and that some might move out of there. I pray for the power of Jesus’s name

to be manifested with deliverance, healing, and signs and wonders, therefore, the name of the Lord Jesus will be held in high honor. In His name, I pray. Amen.