

**The Reason why Saint Apostle Paul Elects and Circumcises the
Young Christian Timothy, Immediately after the Apostolic
Synod from Jerusalem (Acts 16,1-4)**

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Abstract

Preaching the Gospel to foreign nations was regulated by the Apostolic Synod from Jerusalem, after analysing the results of the work of the Apostle Paul and His companions in the first missionary journey. At the beginning of the second missionary journey, Saint Apostle Paul took with him from Lystra one of the most important disciple for the Church, Saint Timothy, who became 'true son in the faith'. The young man, Timothy, was born of a Jewess and a gentile father. He was condemned concerning his obscure origin (mamzer) to be not circumcised. Even after Timothy was baptized, this man was not respected. Which is the motivation for which the Apostle Paul himself circumcised Timothy? Timothy's case could be now invoked to demonstrate the freedom conferred by the grace of Baptism and the ineffectiveness of the Law for Christian's salvation.