



CONTINUE IN THE FAITH

Acts 13:13 - 14:28

DAY ONE

ACTS 13:13-41

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it.

18 Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness.

19 And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

20 "After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

21 And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

23 From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—

24 after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

26 "Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

28 And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

30 But God raised Him from the dead.

31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.

32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers.

33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'

35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'

36 "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw **corruption**;

37 but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.

38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

39 and by Him everyone who believes is **justified** from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

41 'Behold, you despisers, marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, a work which you will by no means believe, though one were to declare it to you.'

Word Meanings:

1. **corruption**: decay; rottenness

2. **justified**: made free from blame

Questions:

- When the rulers of the synagogue asked Paul for a word of exhortation, what did he stand and say?

- When the people of Israel had dwelt as strangers in the land of _____, God brought them out. He put up with them for _____ years in the _____.
- What prophet followed the 450 years of judges? _____
- What king was a man after God's own heart? _____
- What did John the Baptist confess about Jesus? _____

- After the prophecies concerning Jesus had been fulfilled and He had been laid in a tomb, what great thing did God do? _____

7. To what would He never return? _____
8. By whom were the words spoken, "I will give you the sure mercies of David"? _____
9. What is said about corruption in another Psalm? _____

10. To whom was this referring? _____
11. What happened to David after he had served his generation by the will of God?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
12. Why did Jesus see no corruption? _____

13. What did Paul want the brethren to know?
 - a) _____

 - b) _____

14. Could anyone be justified by the law of Moses? _____

DAY TWO

ACTS 13:42-46

42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

43 Now when the **congregation** had broken up, many of the Jews and devout **proselytes** followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with **envy**; and **contradicting** and **blaspheming**, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Word Meanings:

1. **congregation:** assembly (gathering) of people at worship
2. **proselytes:** those who have changed from one belief to another
3. **envy:** jealousy and resentment
4. **contradicting:** saying things that are opposite of what someone else says
5. **blaspheming:** showing irreverence toward God or anything sacred

Questions:

1. When the Jews rejected Paul's message, which group of people begged that they might hear the words preached to them the next Sabbath? _____
2. What had happened to the congregation? _____
3. Who continued to follow Paul (Saul) and Barnabas? _____

4. For what reason were they speaking to these people? _____

5. What was the reaction of the Jews who saw the multitudes? _____
6. In what two ways did the Jews oppose what had been spoken by Paul? _____

7. How did Paul and Barnabas speak to the Jews? _____
8. Who did they say had been given the word of God first? _____
9. What had these people done after hearing? _____
10. To whom would Paul and Barnabas now preach? _____

DAY THREE

ACTS 13:47-52

47 "For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been **appointed** to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and **prominent** women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and **expelled** them from their region.

51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Word Meanings:

1. **appointed:** chosen
2. **prominent:** well known and important
3. **expelled:** forced to leave by official action

Questions:

1. To whom and where did the Lord command that they should be a light and salvation?

2. How did the Gentiles respond?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
3. Who received eternal life? _____

4. Where was the word of the Lord being spread? _____
5. Whom did the Jews stir up? _____

6. What else did they do?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
7. What did Paul and Barnabas do in response to this?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
8. With what were the disciples filled?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____

DAY FOUR

ACTS 14:8-11,
14-18

8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

18 And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

Questions:

1. Paul and Barnabas saw a man in Lystra who had no strength in his feet. How long had the man been in this crippled condition? _____
2. Whom did the man hear speaking? _____
3. In what manner did Paul observe this man? _____
4. When Paul saw that the man had faith to be healed, what did he say with a loud voice?

5. How did the man respond? _____
6. Who did the people think Paul and Barnabas were when they saw what had happened?

7. What did Paul and Barnabas do when the people responded in worship to them? _____
8. What did they cry out and ask them? _____
9. Who did they say they were? _____
10. What did they say their purpose was? _____
11. What did they say about God? _____
12. What had God allowed in the past? _____
13. What witness did God give them?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____
14. Did these words convince the people whom they should worship? Explain. _____

DAY FIVEACTS 14:19-23;
27-28

19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, **exhorting** them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many **tribulations** enter the kingdom of God."

23 So when they had appointed **elders** in every church, and prayed with fasting, they **commended** them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

Word Meanings:

1. **exhorting:** instructing and advising
2. **tribulations:** severe times of distress

3. **elders:** leaders
4. **commended:** to entrust for care; committed

Questions:

1. What did the Jews from Antioch and Iconium persuade the multitudes to do? _____

2. When the disciples gathered around him, what did Paul do? _____

3. Where did Paul and Barnabas go the next day? _____
4. What did Paul and Barnabas do in the cities they visited? _____

5. What did they do for the disciples?
a) _____
b) _____
6. What did Paul say would happen? _____
7. Where will disciples of Jesus finally enter? _____
8. What was appointed in every church? _____
9. How did they pray? _____
10. To whom did they commend them? _____
11. Of what did their report consist? _____

REVIEW

LESSON
TWENTY THREE
ACTS 13:13-14:28

A. Completion: Use the words below to complete Paul's words from Acts 14:15, 17.

"...and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the _____, the _____, the _____, and all things that are in them. Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without _____, in that He did _____, gave us _____ from heaven and fruitful _____, filling our hearts with _____ and gladness."

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B. True (T) or False (F): If the answer is false, write the correct answer below.

- _____ 1. Paul preached that God raised Jesus from the dead.
- _____ 2. Paul and Barnabas preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews.
- _____ 3. The Lord commanded, "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles."
- _____ 4. The Gentiles were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.
- _____ 5. When the Jews rejected the message of Paul and Barnabas, they stayed in the region longer so they could convince them.
- _____ 6. At Lystra the people stoned Barnabas and supposed he was dead.

MEMORY

ROMANS 5:1-2



1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.