

THE ACTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CHAPTER 13:1-12
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TITLE:

THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

- **Prior to the attack of Herod Agrippa upon the church** (the beheading of James and the attempted execution of Peter) the geographical scope of the church had reached out as far as Palestine... Now, “*The Gospel Goes to the World*”
- **It’s here at Antioch**, that the very first gentile church was established which grew up to be a **MISSIONS-MINDED MINISTRY**
- **The Church in Jerusalem** had hesitated too long, the focus was shifting to Antioch - And a Pagan, Gentile Stronghold would become the starting point of world evangelization

Missions !!!

A Missions-Minded Ministry.... is any church that loves Jesus Christ...
Because Jesus desires that all men be saved !

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Acts 1:8

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and “you shall be witnesses to Me” in • Jerusalem, and in • all Judea and • Samaria, and to the • Ends
of the earth.“

Not a Burden, Not a Drag, Not an Obligation.....
But a Result of He’s Work in Our Lives

John 3:16

For God so *loved the world*, that he gave his only begotten Son, (the heart of global evangelism) that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is God's hatred of sin and His love for you,
that caused Him to send His Son



**If God hates sin,
We are to hate sin.**



**If God sent His Son into the World,
Then We are to send His Son into the World**

A Jesus kinda church cannot look **inside itself**

without desiring to reach the lost.

A Jesus kinda church cannot look **across the street**

without desiring to reach the lost.

A Jesus kinda church cannot look **around the world**

without desiring to reach the lost

**A.) When *THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD*,
You Can Expect Blessings.....vv. 1-3**

1.) Where *Will the blessings come;* vv. 1

Upon the local body of believers, upon the surrounding area, the nation then the world

In the Church.... there were certain *Prophets* and *Teachers*

* **Prophets** GRK 4396 *prophetes (prof-ay'-tace)*
to forthtell publicly, an inspired speaker
an effective public speaker (Billy Graham Type)
{ *Barnabas, Simeon & Lucius* }

* **Teachers** GRK 1320 *didaskalos (did-as'-kal-os)*
to instructor, to point the way, a master
because they know the course. (Chuck Smith Type)
{ *Manaen & Saul* }

[THE PASTORAL MINISTRY HAD NOT YET BEEN GIVEN]

An Excellent, Cross-Cultural Staff

- Barnabas *A Hebrew, a Levite, a converted Jew, turned Christian*
- Simeon *Niger, black, an African, turned Christian*
- Lucius *Cyrene, from North Africa, turned Christian*
- Manaen *Greek, a man of honor and power, the step brother of Herod Antipas (who mocked Jesus) turned Christian*
- Saul *A Pharisee, Christian killer, turned Christian*

Colossians 3:11
having put on Jesus Christ... where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

2.) How *Will the blessings come;* vv. 2

In actual church growth, the Lords will is that churches be **glowing & growing** in depth & size

Verse 2

Acts 13:2
“As **they** ministered to the Lord”

How on earth did they minister to the Lord?

> > > > > > **Worship** < < < < < <

IS THE GREATEST THING YOU COULD FOR GOD

while serving, the call came

By Ministering to the body, serving those in this body,
is to serve Jesus where He is....

1 Timothy 4:14
Do not neglect the gift that is in you, **which was given to you** by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Dwight L. Moody's Success Rate - 15 years / 87% continued
He put the new convert to work in the church immediately

NOTICE:

The Call was specific.. *TO THE WORK TO WHICH 'I' HAVE CALLED THEM*

It came "As **they** ministered to the Lord"

God Calls You Up With a Specific Call
God Gives You To a Specific Call

"God will not steer a parked car" "He will not sail an anchored boat"

"O' God, show me what it is you want me to do"

He spoke to the ones who were serving

His Ministry is a Joy... The Law of Love

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ **compels** (*preoccupy*) us,

Galatians 6:2

:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill **the law of Christ**.

Romans 8:2

:2 **For the law of the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:7

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to **the law of God**, nor indeed can be.

3.) *When Will the blessings come;* *vv. 2b*

Whenever the Word is Proclaimed. The results will be immediate in some respects, and eternal in others respects

- A.) The **Lord selects** or sets apart the missionary
- B.) The **Church recognizes** the Calling
- C.) **The Lord**, through the covering of **the church**, sends them out

4.) *Why Will the blessings come;* *vv. 3*

Because a church operating under the pastoral care of Jesus Christ is glorifying to the Father, and a comfort to the world.

The Laying On of Hands *Here is not ordination, but rather the symbolic practice of the relationship between the Offerer and the Offering of Old testament times...*

The Offerer
was the Antioch Church, as the sender

The Offering
was Barnabas and Saul, as the sendee

Every work of God is a Mission Ministry...

Calvary Chino Hills is a Missions Plant, In 1990 Pastor Chuck Smith said us **"do a work there"**, He laid his hands upon us and prayed **"Lord build your church in Chino Hills and bless them and bring you glory"**

Revelation 3:8

"I (Jesus) have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore *(is evangelism and preaching)* **and make** disciples *(which is church planting and nurturing)* of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *(the promise to those who have gone)*

Luke 18:29-30

"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God :30 will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

**B.) If *THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD,*
You Can Expect Opposition.....vv. 4-12**

Note This;

Being Sent Out..... They Went Down

The Divine side of the call

The Human Side of the Call

Cypress was Barnabas' home town... "Hey, Let's go to my homeland, to my countrymen, to my family"

*I had a great phone call this week from a brother who moved back to his homeland
Thousand Island, New York*

1.) Where Will the Opposition come; vv. 4-7a

Among the local church, those who are most effective, and when there's a potential, new believer. First In the Mind, then in action. in areas you least expect a problem.

Romans 8:31, 33, 35, 38-39

...If God is for us, who can be against us?..... :33 Who shall bring (*they will try*) a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies..... :35 Who shall separate us (*they will try*) from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? :37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us..... :38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, (*they will try*) nor things present nor things to come,.....:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, (*they will try*) shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 2:18-19

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists {those of the spirit of} have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. :19 They went out from us, {WHERE ?} but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out *from us* that they might be made manifest, (*known, exposed, announced*) that none of them were of us.

Acts 20:29-30

"For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. :30 Also FROM AMONG YOURSELVES men will rise up, speaking perverse things, {to distort or to offset the truth} to draw away disciples after themselves.

2.) How Will the Opposition come; vv. 6b-10

Parading as religion, Masked in Christianity, It's the impostors. gossips & slanders inside, who have done the damage. (**Bar-Jesus**)

Acts 13:6

they found (*perceive*) a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was *Bar-Jesus*,

Example;

1 Timothy 6:5

men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

2 Timothy 3:5

having a form (arranged parts, displayed fragments) of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

3.) When *Will the Opposition come;* vv. 8

When things are going the best & when things are going the worst.
Satan has an assorted bag of tricks.

Acts 13:8

But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, *seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.*

* *withstood* GRK *anthistemi* (*anth-is'-tay-mee*);
to stand toe to toe, nose to nose, eye to eye
strong resistance, meaning serious business.

Elymas was a an asset to Sergius Paulus as a seerer, a prophet
75% correct..... *Ronald & Nancy Reagan - "Channeler"*

Hillary's Seance's
Eleanor Roosevelt said... 'Universal HealthCare'

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2 Timothy 4:1-3

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: :2 Bark at the word, Laugh at the word, Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. :3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, (they will bark like a dog and laugh like a clown) because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; :4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to *fables. {muthos (moo'-thos) myths & stories about experiences}*

Verse 9

Filled With the Holy Spirit

IS THE ANSWER TO THE INVISIBLE QUESTION...WHERE'S THE POWER?

4.) Why *Will the Opposition come;* vv. 7b & 12

Because a church operating under the power of the Holy Spirit is an awesome weapon in the hand of God. Satan will not sit idle and watch himself lose ground that's been gained.

Acts 13:7

This man called for Barnabas and Saul and *sought* to hear the word of God.

THE CALL TO EUROPE

Acts 16:9-10

a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia (on the threshold of eastern Europe) stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." :10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Past Russia Trips / Upcoming Russia Trip

104 people have signed up to minister in eastern Europe with us this summer... to the people of Saint Petersburg, Russia & Your Church there.....

**Biggest battles await them....
and the biggest blessings await them...**

Oct. 2, 1992 Iberia 747, looking out & crying

"you stay with the sheep, I'll send others through you"

Verse 10c

the straight ways of the Lord...

Bar-Jesus meaning son of Jesus... an impostor of Jesus Christ to assume the name via unorthodox means...

John 10:1-4

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

"No, You Son of the Devil "

Elymas took a firm, calculated stand against the work of God

Jesus Chops Down The Pharisee's Genealogical Tree

John 8:23

He said to them, "**You are from beneath**; I am from above. **You are of this world**; I am not of this world.

John 8:24

"Therefore I said to you that **you will die in your sins**; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Their doctrine was that Jesus was anybody but who He said He was

The True Ministry exposed the False Ministry

Verse 11

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Verse 12

Acts 13:12

Then the proconsul believed, When he saw what had
Been done, being astonished at the Teaching of the Lord.