

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

THE GOSPEL GOES TO THE WORLD - PART 2

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**.“

The Church is a Living Breathing Life Organism...
it's not a crystal cathedral, it's not a monastery, it's not a 2000 seat sanctuary.... It's the
people that gather *around* Jesus Christ !!!

In the Book of Acts We're seeing the effects of church life
by How it reproduces..

The Church Was Designed to be Portable:

- 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*

The Church Was Not Fragile:

- It's Here at Antioch, *that the very first gentile church was established which grew up to be a MISSIONS-MINDED MINISTRY*

A.) If 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

Within the Church... Gifts like Prophets & Teachers

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

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

**By Being a Worshipful Church,
And the Lord added new believers, daily!!!**

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

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

**When We Preach & Teach the Word of God,
The Holy Spirit's Promise is to Promote the Word**

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

Because when a church is operating under the pastoral care of Jesus Christ and the Missions - Minded Heart of the Holy Spirit

**God will be honored,
and Obedience to His Word, bringing His Blessings**

All (4) Gospels say "GO"

#1 Matthew 28:19, **#2** Mark 16:15,
#3 Luke 24:49

"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

#4 John 17:15

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one."

We Are Either GOERS or SENDERS

How Many of You feel that "Going" is for You?
could be for 1 Week or 1 Year

Romans 10:14-15

How then shall they (the lost) call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **:15** *And how shall they preach unless they are sent?* As it is written: (*Isaiah 52:7*) "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

How Many of You feel that "Sending" someone is your part ?
could be \$1 dollar or \$10,000

Jesus Said in Matthew 24:14

"And **this gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

We know that during *the Great Tribulation Period* God will Announce the Gospel Around the world just before the end...

Revelation 14:6

John says he "saw an angel flying in the middle of heaven,(atmosphere) having the **everlasting gospel** to preach to those who dwell on the earth-- to every nation, every tribe, every tongue, and every people"

By the Way

"The Global Mission"

On March 12 "around the world prayer" is being requested for the Global Mission with Billy Graham Live worldwide from Puerto Rico this March 14-18

as it will be the most "global" technological advanced broadcast ever to be attempted, presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a Worldwide audience!

Mr. Graham says He wants to preach redemption to as many people as possible while he still can: His ministry climax is approaching, **a 1995 crusade meeting that will span the entire globe simultaneously** In this technological Pentecost, sermons will be translated into dozens of languages and transmitted by satellite TV to about 130 nations around the world-- including China. Making it the largest, most extensive broadcast of any kind in human history.

TIME - magazine, Nov. 15 1993

Which leads us in to the final part of this study...

We Need to Ask Some Questions

“Q - #1 What is expected of me as a Christian ?
and

Q - #2 Being a Christian, What can I expect ?

A - #1 Be Involved in the Great CoMission of Spreading the Gospel

A - #2 Being Ready to face the real opposition against that mission

**When Ever there is a true Passion to Follow
Christ....You Can Expect Opposition**

Having the “Personal” Passion to tell it

It's What John Was saying;

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory.....

Even more than that....

1 John 1:1-3

....that which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- :3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

If you know this...

Then You've Got to tell the World

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

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

Among the local church, those who are most effective, and the new believer.

Know Satan's Tactics !!!

...Not believing in his existence

In a 1991 Gallup Poll

Asked The Question *"do you believe that Satan, the Devil is nothing more then a symbol for evil and not a real personality?"*

(you don't believe in a real devil)

- 69% of all Catholics polled said *"The Devil Doesn't Really Exist"*
- 65% of Mainline Protestants said *"The Devil Doesn't Really Exist"*
- 47% of Evangelical Christians said *"The Devil Doesn't Really Exist"*
- 43% of Born Again Christians said *"The Devil Doesn't Really Exist"*

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

hiding, crouching, waiting, watching

The Words of Billy Graham

"Preaching has always taken its toll upon me, There have been times... I've come down from the platform absolutely exhausted," he says. "Its as though I've been wrestling with **the devil himself, who has been doing everything in his power to keep those people from getting a clear message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**"

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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.

Let's Set the Record Straight...

Satan is alive and well on planet Earth !!!

--- Common Knowledge ---

The Words of Paul;

Romans 16:20

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Hebrews 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy *him* who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

2 Timothy 2:26

and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by *him* to do his will.

Ephesians 2:2

in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to *the prince* of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

The Words of Pastor Ezra

1 Chronicles 21:1

Now *it was Satan* who stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

The Words of Zechariah

Zechariah 3:1

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

The Words of John;

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

The Words of James

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

The Words of Jesus;

Matthew 16:23

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Matthew 4:1-4

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted **by the devil.** :2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. :3 Now when the tempter came to Him, **he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."** :4 But Jesus answered and said,

The Book of Romans

: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.

Your Family, Your Spouse, Your Children
They're Under Attack too !!!

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**,

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.

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!

Jesus Pastored a church of (12) and one of was a
"turncoat"

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.

When Things are at Their Best

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.

- If Satan was in the Garden of Eden.... expect him in yours
- If Satan attack Jesus at the start of His Ministry.... expect him too
- If Satan attacked Peter during a career high.... expect him too

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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 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}

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.

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 exposes the False Ministry

Acts 13:12

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

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, *but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*