

# THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 14:1-10

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### TITLE:

**“WHEN GOD CAUSES DIVISION”**

### 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 Very Word “Division”

causes people to cringe because of some bitter experience with another individual or family or church

Yet there is a real sense in which God is very much at work in the area of division... And in fact even causes division

We all Know Jesus as **The Great Physician**, Ready to Heal

**But we may not recognize** Him also as The Great Surgeon, Equally ready to Divide from the healthy and true, what is false or harmful to His church. - He is The Shepherd of the Sheep!!!

Jesus Said Himself...

#### **Matthew 10:32-36**

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. :33 "But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. :34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. :35 "For I have come to `set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; :36 "and `a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

There were three Little boys *who were arguing about who's daddy was the strongest and who's daddy could beat up the others - and so one little boy said "I bet you My daddy can beat up your daddy and JOHNNY piped up and said "that's nothing' My mama can beat up my daddy"*

## Chapter 13 and Beyond...

### The Great Missionary Ventures of the Bible

#### John 17:11

"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, :15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them **from the evil one**."

### WHEN GOD CAUSES DIVISION

#### John 7:43

So there was a **division** among the people because of Jesus.

#### John 9:16

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a **division** among them.

#### John 10:19

When Jesus ended his teaching... there was a **division** again among the Jews because of these sayings :20 And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"... :21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

### When Man Causes Division,

There's left a bruised, broken & bleeding heart and a worn-out life.

### When God Causes Division,

There's a refreshing, a renewing, a healing and a restoration to a productive, joyful life.

Dwight L. Moody,

"A PASTOR MUST BE WILLING TO EMPTY A CHURCH BEFORE HE WOULD FILL A CHURCH" -

## 1.) The Ministry of Division

*vv. 1-6*

The Area of Modern Turkey (Galatia)

## Verse 1-3

### The Gospel Message is Delivered 1-3

## Verse 1

### “They So Spoke”

Their Goal in Preaching was to get the People to make a decision for Christ - that was their goal!

So how does this happen?

#### *Matthew 10:19*

...do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

## Verse 2

\* **Stirred** GRK 4531 saleuo (sal-yoo'-o)

to agitate, to rock, to topple over.

They were just getting set up when someone knocked them over

\* **Poisoned** GRK 2559 kakoo (kak-o'-o)

to injure; to exasperate, **to falter**

Division Was Needed;

**God Wanted to Work  
New Wine is for New Wineskins,**

These Guys Were **So** Confident (dead right)

# They Failed At the Word, Judge yourself in light of the word of God

2 Corinthians 13:5

**Examine yourselves** as to whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves.** know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you have been disqualified.

Psalm 139:23-24

**Search** me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; :24 **And see if** there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

James 1:23

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; :24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what **kind** of man he was.

## The Results of Self Examination;

### 1/4 A DILIGENT BELIEVER;

James 1:25

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and **continues in it**, and is not a forgetful hearer but **a doer** of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

### 2/4 A USABLE BELIEVER;

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in **due** time, Not in my time nor your time, but in **Due Time**

### 3/4 AN ANOINTED BELIEVER;

Acts 4:33

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And **great grace** was upon them all.

(not lording or being bossy Christian leaders - but Spirit led)

2 Corinthians 4:7

**But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

Being near a servant of God  
is a precious experience...

**PAUL PUT IT THIS WAY;**

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

The Ministry you're under will mold you as a Christian... for better or for worse. for richer, for poorer.

2 Kings 2:9

And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "**Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.**"

**IN ACTS 2**

*Jesus anointed* the disciples by pouring the Holy Spirit upon them, symbolized by the fiery tongues on their heads

**IN LUKE 11**

Jesus said that, The *Father will anoint* with the Holy Spirit any believer who will ask...

Luke 11:13

**"If you then, being earthy, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"**

Warning;

God will not re-heat a pew-potato

4/4 AN ANOINTED SOLIDER;

Confrontation

will arise when two opposites meet.

1 Timothy 1:18

wage the **good warfare**,

2 Corinthians 10:4

For **the weapons** of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

Isaiah 54:17

no **weapon formed** against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but.... against spiritual wickedness in high places.

### Verse 3

#### **They Stayed... 'A Long time'**

Note that it is the Power of the "word"

The Ministry of 'Discipleship' is so Needed

#### **They Stayed there a long time**

Because the Spirit had Work to do There

#### **Who was bearing Witness to the Word**

Miracles Primary purpose is to Confirm the Word

John 14:11

"Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

The Division is Formed 4-5

### Verse 4

The Multitude will always be divided, Goats on the Left, Sheep on the Right

### Matthew 10:34-36

:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. :35 "For I have come to `set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; :36 "and `a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

### Verse 5

They had no other *recourse against the truth but to fight against it - "Self"-Defense*

You Never have to Fight for the Truth... It does Fine by itself.

A Timely Escape is Provided 6-7

## 2.) The Ministry of Healing

*vv. 7-10*

### Verse 7-8

Taking off 18 miles to southwest they came to Lystra, An Area filled with multiple religions, tolerant of all... There are Many ways to God" kinda place U.S.A.

God has an appointment *with A CERTAIN MAN who had been*

#1 Without strength in his feet.

#2 Lame from birth

#3 Who had never been able to walk.

A Miracle is Received 9-10

### Verse 9

He heard Paul 'Speaking' in conversational form, not preaching or teaching - just conversing...

**About What Jesus Can Do...**

Matthew 11:5

"The blind see the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them **and the lame walk;**

## - Excuse Me, But Did you say the Lame walk ?

Paul noticed

- \* **Healed** GRK 4982 *sozo* (*sode'-zo*)  
to be saved and to be made whole.

Matthew 1:21

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will **save** (*Sode-zo*) His people from their sins."

### A {Type} of Man of the World

- a. **he was born crippled.** *all are born-crippled*
- b. **he could not walk.** *none of us can walk*
- c. **he was a beggar,** *he would have never been satisfied.*

## In That Culture;

His Healing Meant that he could be "NORMAL"

Normal is **Loving** and **Worshipping** and **Enjoying** the God who's created you - that's Normal

"Dysfunctional"

Basically Means... Not Normal

You Cannot be Normal without Jesus !

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable (sensible, logical, normal) service.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



The 'Word' Produced 'Faith', Faith Resulted in 'Healing'

## Having Knowledge of the Healer

It's O.K. to ask  
What can Christianity do for me?

### Ask yourself;

- What has Islam done for the Islamic
- What has Buddhism done for Buddhist
- What has Confucianism done for the confused

What Has Christianity  
done for the Christian and for the World

### Verse 10

When God Causes Division,  
His desire is to have People to Walk Again...  
How should it be dealt with...

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, **you who are spiritual restore** such a one in a spirit of **gentleness**, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. :2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

\* **Restore** GRK 2675 **katartizo** (kat-ar-tid'-zo)

to complete what was begun, to repair that which was broken, to mend a broken net, to replace with comfort and provide safety - to re-install

(It's a Command - Not an Option - Christian)

### #1 IT'S A "HATED" TASK OF THE SHEPHERD

There are ministries, either because of fear or of insecurity, have not done this scripturally and have Punished the brother rather than encouraged them to repent

## #2 IT'S CAREFULLY PRAYED ABOUT

Proverbs 27:23

Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds;

## #3 IT'S AVOIDED (NOT NEGLECTED)

Matthew 18:15

"Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

## #4 IT'S AFTER MUCH PATIENCE ENDURING

Matthew 18:16

"But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that `by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' :17 "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church.

## #5 IT'S DONE SCRIPTURALLY

Matthew 18:17c

But if he refuses even to hear the church, **let him be to you like a "heathen" and a "tax collector"**.

**Do you know anyone who's broken right now?**

I was with a man this past week who had told me that we was going to give up on Christianity...He decided (friends) to try Calvary Chapel - It's been a couple years now and God is using him greatly here in the is church...

*How do you do this ?*

**Romans 12:9-21**