

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does one know if he is chosen by the Holy Spirit or by man?
2. How did Paul know where the Lord wanted him to preach?
3. Describe fasting and its purpose.
4. What forms of opposition to the word of God do we have today?
5. What causes a person to be more or less receptive to God's word? (i.e. why were the Gentiles so much more receptive to Paul's teachings?)
6. What spiritual preparations were made here before the sharing of God's word? What preparations should we make before sharing God's word with others?

### SUMMARY:

A missionary, set apart by God and sent forth by fasting and praying brethren, is well equipped to face opposition by the enemy. He will not permit the forces of evil to discourage him from carrying out God's will. Barnabas and Paul were outstanding examples in their zeal to take the Gospel to the Gentiles even though they continually had to face a hostile Jewry.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

October 16, 2005

Fourth Quarter

### PAUL GOES WITH THE GOSPEL

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Acts 13:1-49*

**LESSON SETTING:** Paul and Barnabas called by the Holy Spirit to journey to Antioch in Pisidia to preach the Gospel.

**TIME:** Approximately 45 A.D.

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**I. SENT BY THE SPIRIT.** Acts 13:1-4

- A. Fasting and Prayer Required (vs. 2) Acts 14:23
- B. Called by the Holy Spirit (vs. 2) Acts 16:6-10
- C. Consecrated by the Laying on of Hands (vs. 3) Deuteronomy 34:9  
Acts 6:6; 1 Timothy 4:14

**II. SUCCESS IN CYPRUS.** Acts 13:5-13

- A. Opposition (vs. 8) Acts 18:6; 1 Corinthians 16:9
- B. Intervention by Paul (vs. 9-11) Acts 8:21-23
- C. Conversions (vs. 12) Acts 16:14, 34

**III. PREACHING IN PISIDIA.** Acts 13:14-49

- A. Rehearses Israel's History (vs. 16-22)
- B. Reveals the Promised Messiah ( vs. 23-25) Matthew 16:16;  
Acts 9:20; Romans 1:4
- C. Tells of His Death, Resurrection (vs. 26-31) Mark 15:35-37;  
Mark 16:6-8; Acts 26:8
- D. A Savior to Jews and Gentiles (vs. 46-49) Acts 18:5-6

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *SO THEY, BEING SENT FORTH BY THE HOLY GHOST, DEPARTED . . .*

Acts 13:4

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Acts 14:1-28; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 37:1-40

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Life and Writings of Paul

**TOPIC:** PAUL FACES OPPOSITION

**INTRODUCTION:**

After leaving Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas went up into Asia Minor into Pamphylia then on to Antioch of Pisidia, where they had a fruitful, though short, ministry among both Jews and Gentiles. Having been driven from Antioch by zealous Jews, they went to Iconium, where they had a rather long and fruitful ministry until unbelieving Jews aroused the population and made any further stay unsafe. Then they moved on to Lystra, where the events of today's lesson begin.

Paul the apostle sets a good example for all of us not to rob God of the glory that belongs to Him alone! We are only vessels used by God and this sometimes is accompanied by persecution.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Effective witnesses are called by the Holy Spirit and sent forth with prayer.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THEREFORE MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEDFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.*  
1 Corinthians 15:58

When Paul speaks of believing the gospel and suffering for Christ's sake, he reflects two important actions involved in Christian living. Faith is an essential factor in Paul's teaching. The prominent use of the Word indicates its importance. There can be no definite Christian action without faith.

Suffering also composes an essential part of Christian living. Paul wrote at a time when persecution was very close to nearly every Christian. Suffering for Christ's sake was an honor, and by it the Christian proved His faith and loyalty. These two facts still remain an essential part of real Christianity.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 17 - 23**

- M. God Opposed by Satan. Genesis 3:1-15
- T. God's People Opposed. Exodus 1:7-14
- W. God's Leaders Opposed. Numbers 12:1-10
- T. \*Paul's Opposition Gathers. Acts 14:1-7
- F. \*The Missionaries' Work Misunderstood. Acts 14:8-18
- S. \*Opposition Erupts in Violence. Acts 14:19-28
- S. A Solace for the Opposed. Psalm 37:1-11