

Acts 14-15 *The Transition of Gospel Ministry Ownership... to Paul and the Gentile Church. (Part 3)*

NOTES

Acts 14:1-28 Paul's 1st Missionary Journey – *the Gospel is preached in Galatia!*

- 1. In Iconium, powerful gospel preaching resulted in a great multitude that believed and much trouble was stirred up so that the multitude of the city was divided. (14:1-5)**
 - ✓ Paul and Barnabas “so spake” that a great multitude of people repented and trusted Christ.
 - ✓ The unbelieving Jews “stirred up” persecution and made the Gentiles’ minds evil affected.
 - ✓ The city was divided over the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2. In Lystra, powerful gospel preaching resulted in people lifting up Paul and Barnabas as gods and much trouble was stirred up so that Paul was stoned and left for dead. (14:6-20)**
 - ✓ A miracle related to an impotent man at Lystra led people to want to worship them as gods.
 - ✓ Paul and Barnabas opposed the men-worship and preached repentance toward God.
 - ✓ The unbelieving Jews from former cities came to town to stir up more trouble.
 - ✓ Paul was stoned, dragged out of the city, and left for dead.
 - ✓ As the disciples stood round about him, Paul stood up and went back to the city to preach.
- 3. After preaching the gospel and teaching in Derbe, they returned to previously visited cities, edified believers, ordained elders in every church, then returned to Antioch. (14:21-28)**
 - ✓ They returned to all of the cities previously visited to confirm and strengthen the believers.
 - ✓ They ordained elders in every church, prayed with fasting, and commended them to the Lord.
 - ✓ They preached the word of God in every city they went through.
 - ✓ They returned to Antioch, Syria to rehearse all that God had done and the open doors.

Acts 15:1-41 The enemy comes with false doctrine – *God prevails with letters to the Gentiles!*

- 1. As Gentiles trusted Christ alone for salvation, “religious” men brought false doctrine. (15:1)**
 - ✓ As soon as the 1st missionary journey was fulfilled, the enemy came to devour the sheep.
 - ✓ The religious men taught that the Gentiles must add works to their faith alone in Christ.
- 2. A meeting was needed in Jerusalem to settle the issue of “salvation” for Gentiles. (15:2-21)**
 - ✓ The Pharisees which believed were zealous that the Gentiles should keep the law of Moses.
 - ✓ It is by grace through faith in Christ alone and the gift of the Holy Spirit to seal it from Heaven.
 - ✓ James (the Lord’s brother) spoke last (authority) and quoted the Scriptures.
 - ✓ The Gentiles did not have letters like the Jews – they needed a written authority from God.
- 3. A letter was sent to the Gentile believers in ANTIOCH with credible witnesses. (15:22-32)**
 - ✓ Two or three witnesses were required to establish the matter as from God’s apostles.
 - ✓ When the letter was read, the Gentile believers rejoiced for the consolation.
- 4. Paul and Barnabas taught and preached in ANTIOCH and then departed company. (15:33-41)**
 - ✓ Paul and Barnabas continued in ANTIOCH, teaching and preaching, with many others also.
 - ✓ Contention over John Mark led these two men of God to depart after an incredible season.

Personal Applications

1. What did God speak to you about tonight? What does He want you to do differently beginning now?
2. Have you taken ownership of the Gospel ministry personally? Are you ready to advance the Gospel?

