



Israel's story is driven by God's initiative and faithfulness.

notes

v. 26-37 "God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus"

<sup>38</sup>Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup>and through Him everyone who believes is freed (justified) from all things, from which you could not be freed (justified) through the Law of Moses. (Gen. 15:6)

**Problem: The heart of the problem is the heart.**

John 1:17 NASB

<sup>17</sup>For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

The Law explains God's righteous standard - Romans 7:7

The Law exposes our sinful condition. - Hebrews 4:12

The Law expresses our need for a Savior. - Galatians 3:24-25

- G-- God's
- R-- Riches
- A-- At
- C-- Christ's
- E-- Expense

<sup>40</sup>Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you: <sup>41</sup>Behold, you scoffers, and marvel, and perish; For I am accomplishing a work in your days, A work which you will believe, though someone should describe it to you."

**Solution: Take heed-- blepo-- by faith accept God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus and receive a new heart.**

<sup>42</sup>As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup>Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.

By grace we are saved, and by grace we are sustained.

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Book of Acts: The Ripple Effect  
GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth  
Acts 13:13-43, February 19th & 22nd, 2026  
The heart of the problem is the heart.

Prayer Requests:

Read Aloud: John 1:17, Heb. 4:12, Gal. 3:24-25.

1. v. 13-37, According to the Apostle Paul, who is the hero of the Old Testament? Why is Paul making this distinction in his message?
2. How does the law explain God's standard, expose our sinful condition, and express our need for a savior? Share an example if you are willing to. Why is moralism not enough to achieve righteousness? What is the appeal of moralism alone?
3. v.38-39 "38Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39and through Him everyone who believes is freed (justified) from all things, from which you could not be freed (justified) through the Law of Moses." What comes first, obedience or faith? Why is the order important? Read Genesis 15:6. Why is this OT example important?
4. v. 43 "Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God." How does the grace of God save us and sustain us?