

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 27

A GREAT COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

The Unchanging Mission of the Church

(Acts 14:21-28)

INTRODUCTION:

Review

1. THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY COMMENCED (Chapter 13:1-50)

"So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit,..." (13:4,5)

- **The Principle:** In every place where the Word of God is proclaimed there are those who want to hear the good news and those who want to hinder it; those who will receive it and those who will reject it.

- **The Priority:** To the Jew First.

"It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first..." (13:46a)

- With the **Jews**, Paul begins with the Covenant.
- With the **Gentiles**, Paul begins with Creation.

2. THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONTINUED (Chapter 13:51-14:20)

"...they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium." (13:51)

- The preaching of the Gospel results in division as well as reconciliation; and in opposition as well as transformation.

- The preaching of the Gospel requires boldness as well as persistence; and homework as well as humility.

- "Effective evangelism both considers and confronts the audience's worldview."

Today

3. THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY _____ (Chapter 14:21-28)

"...from there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished,..."

1A. PAUL AND BARNABAS _____ THE CHURCHES OF _____. (14:21-23)

“After they had preached the gospel to that city and had **made many disciples**, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, **encouraging them to continue in the faith**, and saying, ‘Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.’ ²³ When they had **appointed elders for them in every church**, having prayed with fasting, **they commended them to the Lord** in whom they had believed.”

1B. They _____ them _____ the _____.

2B. They _____ them _____ the _____.

3B. They _____ them _____ the _____.

2A. PAUL AND BARNABAS _____ TO THE CHURCH OF _____. (14:24-28)

“They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. ²⁵ When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. ²⁶ From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. ²⁷ When they had arrived and gathered the church together, **they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles**. ²⁸ And they spent a long time with the disciples.”

- **Three Essentials** for making _____ disciples (fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ) in the context of the _____ :

1B. It takes _____.

2B. It takes _____.

3B. It takes _____.

CONCLUSION:

- **Whatever is accomplished is** _____.