

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 26

YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY!

Listen Up! God's Word to a Confused World

(Acts 14:1-20)

INTRODUCTION:

"In the generations gone by **He permitted all the nations to go their own ways...**" (14:16)

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY BEGUN (Chapter 13)

"So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper." (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.

"This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith." (v. 6-8)

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

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

- **The Promise:** Jesus is the promise of God fulfilled!

"And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled this promise to our children..." (13:32, 33)

- With the Jews, Paul begins with the _____.

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY CONTINUED (Chapter 14)

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

- **God's Provision:** Jesus is the _____!

"In the generations gone by **He permitted all the nations to go their own ways...**"

- With the Gentiles, Paul begins with _____.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL:

1A. IT RESULTS IN _____ AS WELL AS _____.

“But **the people of the city were divided**; and some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles.”

—Acts 14:4

2A. IT RESULTS IN _____ AS WELL AS _____.

“But the Jews who disbelieved **stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren...** an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them...”

—Acts 14:2, 5

“Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and **having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city**, supposing him to be dead.”

—Acts 14:19

3A. IT REQUIRES _____ AS WELL AS _____.

“Therefore they **spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord...**”

—Acts 14:3

4A. IT REQUIRES _____ AS WELL AS _____.

“But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out and saying, ‘**Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you...**’”

—Acts 14:14-18

1B. Our Witness must _____ Their Worldview.

“When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, **saying in the Lycaonian language, ‘The gods have become like men and have come down to us.’** And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.”

—Acts 14:11-13

2B. Our Witness must _____ Their Worldview.

“...and preach the gospel to you **that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.** In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; and **yet He did not leave Himself without witness**, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness....”

—Acts 14:15b-18

CONCLUSION: