

Results of the Gospel

Galatians 1:6-9 - *⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a **gospel** contrary to **the one we preached to you**, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a **gospel** contrary to **the one you received**, let him be accursed.*

Acts 13:38 - *Let it be known to you, therefore, brothers, that through this man **forgiveness of sins** is proclaimed to you, and by him **everyone who believes** is **freed** from everything which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*

Acts 13:26 - *...to us has been sent the message of this **salvation**.*

Acts 13:48 - *and as many as were appointed to **eternal life** believed*

What gospel did Paul preach to the Galatians? (1) Forgiveness of sins by faith in Jesus. (2) Justification by faith in Jesus. (3) Salvation by faith in Jesus. (4) Eternal life by faith in Jesus.

Today, we are going to look at what happened the following week. What happened after Paul preached that sermon? What were the results of preaching grace? It was a mixed bag.

Looking at the results of preaching the gospel this morning, what lesson can we learn?

GIVE THE GOSPEL TO EVERYONE AND LEAVE THE RESULTS TO GOD.

But what are the results? In verses 44 through 52, Luke writes for us 7 results that happened in the aftermath of preaching the gospel in Galatia.

Result #1 - Initial interest **13:44**

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

Let me make 2 observations.

- (1)- This is what a fruitful ministry is all about. People gathered to hear the Word of the Lord.
- (2)- Sometimes when you share the gospel with people there is an initial interest, but after a while, they fade away.

Result #2 - Slanderous jealousy. **13:45**

⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.

They began to preach something other than the pure grace of God, and as they did, they slandered Paul. I believe God took it personally because the Greek word is blasphemy.

Result #3 - Bold defense. **13:46-47**

⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the

Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

Paul tells them plainly that God predicted this would happen. The Jewish nation will reject Jesus, and so Jesus will go to the nations, and the world will get to have salvation instead of the Christ-rejecting Jews.

Result #4 - Unlikely salvations. 13:48

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

The most unlikely of people got saved that day. This is why we give the gospel out to everyone.

“*appointed to eternal life*” - Luke gave the credit of salvation to God.

Result #5 - Spreading the Word. 13:49

49 And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

Result #6 - High-class rejection. 13:50

50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Result #7 - Joyfilled victory. 13:51-52

51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Jews and the prominent figures of the city may have thought they won by running Paul and Barnabas out of town. All they did was spread the gospel to the next city, and they could not stamp out the impact the gospel had already made in their own town.