PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION: ACT TWO, STEP TWO.

CHANNEL CHANGE

- The <u>GROWING</u> of a <u>NATION</u> to the <u>SPREAD</u> of the <u>BLESSING</u>
- The <u>NATION</u> as Redemptive Channel to the <u>CHURCH</u> as Redemptive Channel
- The Transition: <u>ACTS 1-12</u>
- The Spread: <u>ACTS 13---</u>

PART TWO OF THE PROMISE

• A <u>BLESSING</u> to all the <u>FAMILIES</u> of the <u>EARTH</u>.

ACT TWO, STEP 2: THE SPREAD

• The <u>BLESSING</u> spreads (through the <u>CHURCH</u>) to the <u>NATIONS</u>

ANSWERING SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- 1. What about the people groups that do not have a church?
- 2. What is God doing through the Church? What purpose does the Church play?
- 3. Must the task of making Christ known to the Nations be integral to local churches? Is it essential or is it a desirable option?

TWELEVE KEY FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH AND THE SPREAD TO THE NATIONS

- 1. This has been part of the <u>REDEMPTIVE PLAN</u>
- 2. There is a <u>WIDENING CIRCLE</u> of the Gospel
- 3. The Gospel went to first to <u>CITIES</u>
- 4. The Gospel started with <u>JEWS</u> in <u>SYNAGOGUES</u>
- 5. The spread of the Gospel had a variety of <u>CHARACTERISICS</u>
- 6. The $\underline{\text{TEAMS}}$ of $\underline{\text{APOSTLES}}$ added local $\underline{\text{HELP}}$
- 7. The base of these <u>TEAMS</u> were <u>CHURCHES</u>
- 8. There were $\underline{\text{REPEATED}}$ visits to $\underline{\text{CITIES}}$
- 9. There were different $\underline{STRATEGIES}$ in different \underline{CITIES}

10. The <u>CHURCH</u> became a <u>SENDING SOURCE</u>

1 I. The <u>CHURCHES</u> crossed several <u>BOUNDARIES</u>

12. The Gospel was meeting \underline{NEEDS}

A CLOSING WARNING

- The <u>CHURCH</u> has been given the <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> and <u>PRIVLIEGE</u> of being God's <u>REDEMPTIVE</u> <u>CHANNEL</u>.
- We must <u>WALK</u> in <u>OBEDIENCE</u>.