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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16

But Saul — also called Paul

ACTS 13:9

1) WITNESSES REQUIRE A CALL

21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a large
number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 News
about them reached the church in Jerusalem, and
they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch.
23 When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he
was glad and encouraged all of them to remain
true to the Lord with devoted hearts, 24 for he was
a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.
And large numbers of people were added to the
Lord.

ACTS 11:21-24

25 Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul, 26 and
when he found him he brought him to Antioch.
For a whole year they met with the church and
taught large numbers. The disciples were first
called Christians at Antioch.

ACTS 11:25-26

[1]Now in the church at Antioch there were
prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who
was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, a
close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
[2]As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting,
the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas
and Saul for the work to which I have called
them.” [3]Then after they had fasted, prayed, and
laid hands on them, they sent them off.

14:21 After they had preached the gospel in that
town and made many disciples, they returned to
Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch,
22 strengthening the disciples by encouraging
them to continue in the faith and by telling them,
"It is necessary to go through many hardships to
enter the kingdom of God." 23 When they had
appointed elders for them in every church and
prayed with fasting, they committed them to the
Lord in whom they had believed.

[24]They passed through Pisidia and came to
Pamphylia. [25]After they had spoken the word in
Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed back to Antioch where
they had been commended to the grace of God for
the work they had now completed. 27 After they
arrived and gathered the church together, they
reported everything God had done with them and
that he had opened the door of faith to the
Gentiles. 28 And they spent a considerable time
with the disciples.

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Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the one the apostles called Barnabas (which is translated Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

ACTS 4:36-37

13:4So being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went
down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to
Cyprus. 5Arriving in Salamis, they proclaimed the
word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They also
had John as their assistant.

13:16 Paul stood up and motioned with his hand and
said, “Fellow Israelites, and you who fear God,
listen! 17 The God of this people Israel chose our
ancestors, made the people prosper during their
stay in the land of Egypt, and led them out of it
with a mighty arm. 18 And for about forty years he
put up with them in the wilderness; 19 and after
destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan,
he gave them their land as an inheritance.

14:1In Iconium they entered the Jewish synagogue,
as usual, and spoke in such a way that a great
number of both Jews and Greeks believed.

15 “People! Why are you doing these things? We
are people also, just like you, and we are
proclaiming good news to you, that you turn from
these worthless things to the living God, **who**
made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and
everything in them. 16 In past generations he
allowed all the nations to go their own way,
17 although he did not leave himself without a
witness, since he did what is good by giving you
rain from heaven and fruitful seasons and filling
you with food and your hearts with joy.”

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

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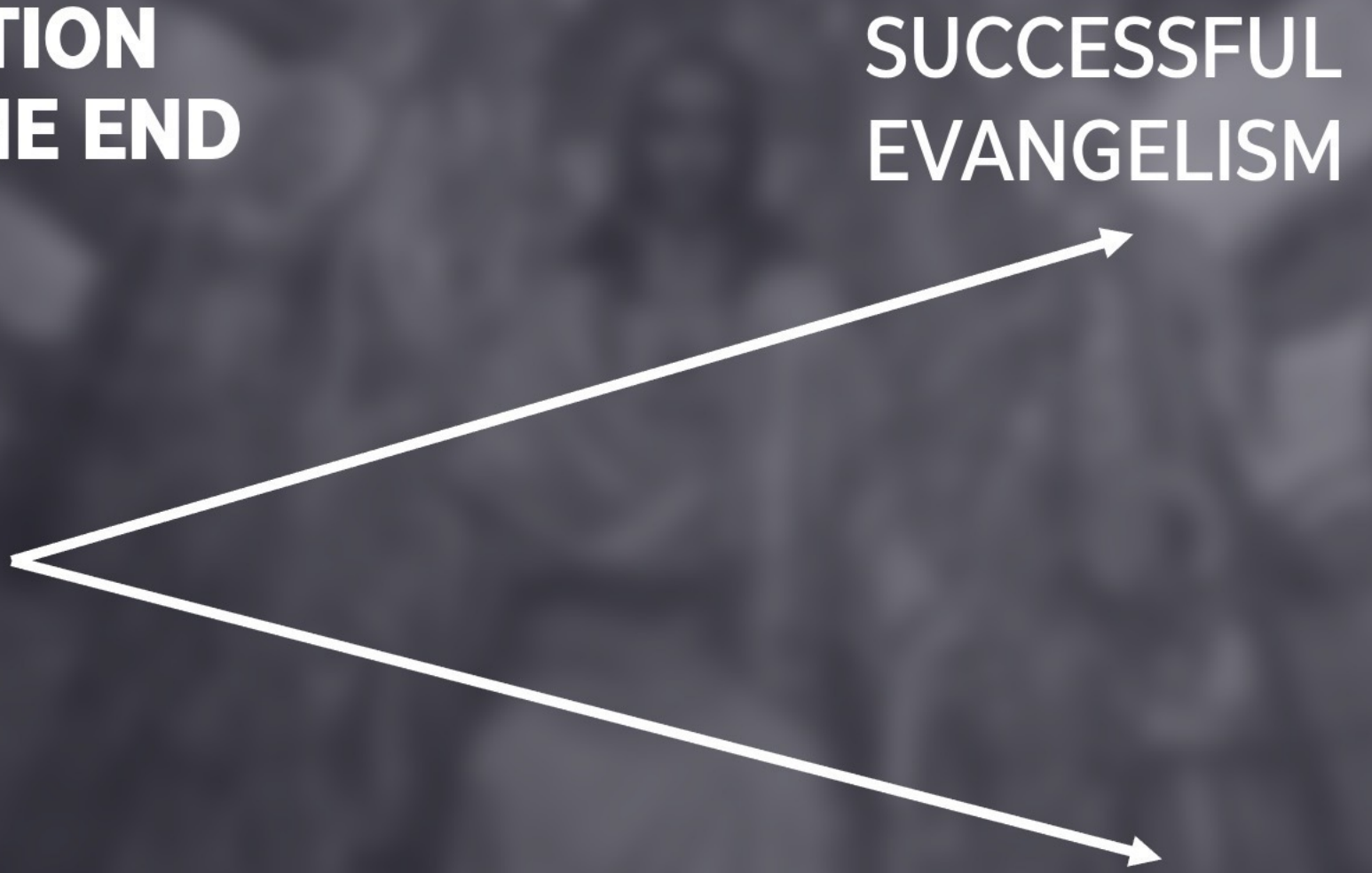
PROGRESSIVE POLARIZATION BEFORE THE END



13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced
and honored the word of the Lord, and all who
had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 The
word of the Lord spread through the whole
region. 50 But the Jews incited the prominent God-
fearing women and the leading men of the city.
They stirred up persecution against Paul and
Barnabas and expelled them from their district.
51 But Paul and Barnabas shook the dust off their
feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the
disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

14:2But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and
poisoned their minds against the brothers. 3So they
stayed there a long time and spoke boldly for the Lord,
who testified to the message of his grace by enabling
them to do signs and wonders. 4But the people of the
city were divided, some siding with the Jews and
others with the apostles. 5When an attempt was made
by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to
mistreat and stone them, 6they found out about it and
fled to the Lycaonian towns of Lystra and Derbe and to
the surrounding countryside. 7There they continued
preaching the gospel.

[19]Some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and
when they won over the crowds, they stoned
Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking he
was dead. [20]After the disciples gathered around
him, he got up and went into the town. The next
day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.



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