

I. Text:

Acts 13:44-52 44 The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming. 46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'" 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Overall, what do you think God is teaching the modern church with this account of what happened on this Saturday in Pisidian Antioch with Paul and Barnabus and with the Jews and Gentiles?

II. Introduction:

- A. Pushback/opposition after major pushes/advances in evangelism (Ex. Shepherd's Community Church evangelism push in 2006 – event evangelism at a park, neighborhood around the church/door to door, and personal evangelism or friendship evangelism – conversations, tracts, etc.) (overwhelming feelings of discouragement, internal untruths – language barriers, no one will listen, division over church merging instead of church planting)
- B. In the history of TBC as we have moved forward in evangelism and church planting – always hardships, trials, difficulties – people leaving the church, people dying unexpectedly, spiritual attack in heavenly realms, internal division, etc.
- C. As we move forward at the Calvert campus, and mail 42K postcards about VBS and the gospel – we need pray for spiritual breakthrough and to put on our Eph. 6 armor in the face to the inevitable pushback from the evil one (prayer to protect our doctrine, unity, holiness, and courage/willingness to go for it – make the most of this summer opportunities as far as evangelism. **Col. 4:5-6** ⁵ **Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.** ⁶ **Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.**
- D. Pastoral prayers: that we/TBC pray, fast, and equip our people to get and stay focused on one of the main missions of the church. (evangelism – bringing the light of the blessed gospel to the world as each of us is faithful to the Great Commission in our little sphere (our spouse, children, ext. family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.). That we also pray and fast to resist the evitable pushback/opposition and discouragements that the evil one will try to bring against us so we stop evangelizing/winning new people to the Lord (Lord fight for us, protect us in the heavenly realms that we don't understand... greater are You who is IN us than the wicked one who is in this world. Prayer that we realize and purpose the joy and power/fruitfulness in evangelism available to us through the Holy Spirit as we stay connected to Him (saturated in the Word, devoted to prayer, bold/courageous in witnessing, and committed/pursuing fellowship with God and each other... to be like the early church that was joyful, powerful, and faithful/fruitful in evangelism.

How have you been praying specifically lately in terms of evangelism? ... are you praying for the 115K here in St. Mary's county, the 95K in Calvert county, your top 3-5 unsaved friends/neighbors by name? How can we as a church better support and pray for our missionaries? (Edelins, Lowes, Howells) ...so we all pursue and gain God's power/blessing to be faithful in evangelism and reach many new converts in Indonesia/around the world like the early church in the book of Acts?

III. Main Points – exegesis verse by verse commentary from Acts 13:44-52

13:44 The whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord – while it would be awesome if all of the city came out to hear the gospel? 2022 Census data: 114877K in St. Mary's County and 94573 Calvert County Hollywood/20636 as 11K, California/20619 MD 14K, Callaway/20620 1K, Lexington Park/20653 27K, Leonardtown/20650 15k, Great Mills/20634 8K, 1k Pax River/20670... 13K Prince Frederick/20678, 21K Lusby/20657, Solomons/20688 1k, 500 Broomes Island/20615, St. Leonard/20685 7K, Port Republic/20676 3k, Huntingtown/20639 15k

13:45 Jealous, contradicting, blaspheming Jews – jealous (ζήλος *zelos*: zeal, jealousy) because of the numbers/crowds/public interest. Nothing new under the sun – humans always have and will struggle with popularity, acceptance, fame, etc.) but also contradict (ἀντιλέγω *antilego*: to speak against, hence to contradict, oppose...challenge, say something different) and even blaspheme – βλασφημέω *blasphemeo*: to slander, hence to speak lightly or profanely of sacred things

Ex. Practical Opposition to the Church/Doctrinal/Truth today: modern blasphemy - to speak untruths, lies, and evil specifically about God – His Word, His Character, His Person. Ex. Jesus is not sinless (Dan Brown), Jesus is not the only way to God (Unitarians), Jesus is not fully God (JWs/Mormons), Jesus is not fully human (Gnostics), God is distant / no miracles (Theists – T. Jefferson), God did not inspire the Bible/does not perfectly keep His promises (Atheists), God is not ONE yet also Triune/3 persons in 1 essence (Modalists/Oneness Pentecostals). God is not perfectly holy/good – God planned/willed/ordained sin (Hyper-Calvinists).

13:46 Paul and Barnabus meet this opposition with BOLDNESS – bold in that they don't avoid confrontation, they address it head on, and even boldly state and expose the sin going on ...specifically YOU REPUDIATE/reject the gospel and especially the hard but true reality – you have “judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life (condemnation/damnation/eternal separation), and even end with a bold statement that addresses long standing prejudice, hatred, and racial division – “we are turning to the Gentiles (who you thought were unworthy of eternal life – but are, are loved by God, are included in salvation – Jesus did die for their sins, and so the gospel is offered to EVERYBODY.

13:47 Light to the Gentiles – Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 60:3, Luke 2:32, 1 Peter 2:9
Salvation to the ends of the earth (Psalm 67:2, 98:3, Isaiah 52:10, Ps. 2:8, 22:27)

13:48a Rejoicing and Glorifying the Word of the Lord - When you and I realized, grip, grasp that you have been saved, all that you have been saved from, and how gracious/gloriously the Lord loved and accomplished salvation for us... You and I will (or should) rejoice and glorify God for our salvation just as the Gentiles rejoice and worship God here when they realize that Jesus' salvation reaches to them too!

13:48b As Many Appointed to eternal life believed OR as many believed were appointed to eternal life. Just because the strong Calvinist love and focus on this verse – doesn't mean we shouldn't recognize its strong implications that extol the graciousness and sovereignty of God in salvation while not demanding at all that we ascribe to the whole system of Calvinism.

Yes, unless God foreknew, foreordained, planned, and provided salvation – none of us would be saved, none of us would have anything to respond to, repent towards, or put our faith in – thus the credit and glory for salvation goes ALL to God. He did love and choose us first before we choose Him or reciprocate His love. His predestination or election of us does precede us and go all the way back to before the creation of the world, and so we can glory in the fact that He did choose us, call us, die for us, draw/convict us, send someone with the gospel for us, and yes convince us/enable us to have total faith in Him and His salvation without sight.

But nor does this negate the responsibility of man to repent and believe by faith, to respond to salvation by seeking, hearing, coming, choosing,, believing, and following Jesus not because we are forced to believe, follow, or worship, but out of our limited free will we reciprocate God's love and desire to have personal relationship with us. Nor does this verse say that God limits salvation, or that man is born again/regenerated BEFORE or in order to repent and have faith, but it does mean that God already knows by His perfect omniscience those He has chosen/appointed for salvation which is also as a mystery those who willingly repent, believe, and follow Him as Lord.

Yet, I caution both the Calvinists and Arminians not to try to figure out exactly how or why salvation works from God's perspective, especially any speculation that goes beyond what the Scripture clearly states about salvation – but simply and humbly accept some of the mysteries of salvation and just be glad/rejoicing and glorifying/worshipping God because you just know its real, its available, and that it's your own – you yourself have been saved. And so I gently ask do all of you have assurance of salvation?

[Historical/Grammatical Hermeneutics \(Interpretation\) - Practical Project interpreting Acts 13:48 \(Home Group 6/26/24\)](#)

1. Literal Principle – the word appointed means appointed/ordained – God planned, willed, ordered, and arranged our salvation). While this verse is one of the strong or hyper Calvinists favorite go to passages, and should not buy into their whole system, we should equally not do injustice/gymnastics with this verse recognizing the sovereignty of God in salvation namely that if God had not had foreknowledge (all knowledge from all time), planned salvation (even before the creation of the earth), provided salvation (exclusively in Jesus), enabled salvation (drawing, illumination, conviction, and convincing by Holy Spirit), sent salvation (beautiful feet of the Christians who shared with us the blessed gospel)... we would never be saved on our own, have nothing to respond towards or receive, thus salvation is APPOINTED/ORDAINED by God (He orders, arranges, draws up salvation so that it is even available for us to receive by faith. Thus, only God gets all the glory for salvation – nothing to us as it is undeserved and by God'S GRACE (undeserved blood of Jesus) and through (appropriated) by FAITH.

2. Contextual Principle – Context of Acts (Vol. 2 of Luke to Theophilus to convince him of what he has heard and been taught), context of Acts 13-14 – 1st Missionary Journey, Paul and Barnabus (J. Mark but he quit), 47-49 A.D. timeframe, Asia Minor location – Psidian Antioch (modern day Turkey). Necessary to go first to Jews in synagogues (necessary because of promises/covenants to Abraham, David, etc. fulfill prophecy, first will be last, last first (Jews first to hear will be last to receive, Gentiles last to hear will be first to receive), Jesus ministry only to jews, Paul now showing that Gentiles also APPOINTED to eternal life (God's will even in OT was for salvation/light to go the ends of the earth/all nations). Jews first likely because they as the keepers of the law, covenants is the foundation of the gospel/fulfillments in Christ. When the Jews repudiate/reject the gospel (13:46) and judge themselves unworthy of eternal life then Paul and B turn to the Gentiles (who many believe and then rejoice/celebrate that the gospel is available to them/everyone – thus appointed might not be “you can't believe unless you are appointed / i.e. God limiting salvation and enabling it, but rather the Gentiles as a whole people group are also appointed for salvation (Beth E. made this good point).

3. Historical Principle – There seems to be two separate meetings – 1st one at a synagogue of Jews and proselytes (non jews who fear God and have converted to Judaism), and 2nd the following Saturday when the whole city comes out to hear P and B give the gospel so that there are Jews, Proselytes, and Gentiles unbelievers gathering to hear the gospel. Unfortunately some or many of the Jews reject the gospel, prompting Paul to turn to more fertile soil/the coalition of the willing (Gentiles) which makes the Jews angry unto murder. So hear with this very favorite Calvinistic used verse is the context of Arminian human responsibility – men who reject the gospel, judge themselves unworthy of the gospel/eternal life, and do not believe out of their free will.

4. Grammatical Principle – lexicography – meaning of the word “appoint” syntax of the entire verse. **τάσσω** *tasso*: to draw up in order, arrange

- ▶ [UBS] **τάσσω** (pf. inf. τεταχέναι ; pf. pass. τέταγμα, 3 sg. τέτακται) appoint, designate, set aside; command, order, direct (ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν τασσόμενος under the authority of superior officers Lk 7.8); institute (of governmental authority); devote (to service); midd. equivalent to act. fix, set (Ac 28.23); tell, direct (Mt 28.16)

- ▶ [Fri] **τάσσω** 1aor. ἐταξα, mid. ἐταξάμην; pf. τέταχα; pf. pass. τέταγμα; (1) assign to a place or task, appoint, decide (AC 15.2); passive, in relation to properly constituted authority *be instituted, be appointed, be established* (RO 13.1); (2) passive, with an abstract noun ὅσοι ἦσαν τεταγμένοι εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον *as many as had become disposed toward eternal life* (possibly AC 13.48) or *all those who were appointed to eternal life* (probably AC 13.48); (3) as determining a fixed time or course of events, middle for active *arrange, order, appoint* (MT 28.16; AC 28.23); (4) as doing something regularly and devotedly *give oneself to* (1C 16.15)

TBC Elder Dennis Richardson points out that ἐπίστευσαν (believed) is listed first and an indicative verb, aorist active, 3rd person plural and that ἀποκαταστάσει is a perfect passive participle masculine plural that modifies the main verb of believed so that literally “many believed were appointed into life eternal” not appointed by God so they could believe as most strong/hyper Calvinists assert.

5. Total Principle – the correct interpretation must be in line with all/the whole of Scripture – so when looking at verses like Pastor Alden pointed to 2 Thess. 2:10-12, Marissa Acts 13:41/Hab 1:5, Chad - 2 Peter 3:9, and 1 Timothy 2:1-4 that we must conclude that while God plans, orders, arranges salvation – this does not mean that the gospel is not available to everyone, nor that man has no ability to understand or receive the gospel (he is held responsible if he doesn't), nor does it mean that God limits salvation – rather man limits salvation by their rejection, repudiation, and judging themselves unworthy of eternal life (why broad is the road that lead to destruction – many enter it, and only narrow the road to life – only a few find it). While God has promised that everyone who believes will be appointed into eternal life.

Dig Deeper – Dr. Leighton Flowers “Acts 13:48 De-Calvinized” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bt3qh2MVvvg> (soteriology101.com)

13:49 The Word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. So we pray this good news/this gospel will like here – spread throughout our entire region (St.Mary's and Calvert County) and to our Samaria (DC and surrounding areas), and to the ends of the earth (all the US and the entire world).

13:50 Prominent women/leading men instigated a persecution...drove them out. But when we are faithful and new people are being saved and added to the church – and the true universal church is growing (meaning the genuine born again Christians who truly belong to Christ around the world are increasing) ... there will be what I call “push back” opposition from Satan and demons, and even persecution from unsaved people who do not love Jesus but rather themselves and their sin, and because they are angry that we are exposing sin, or preaching Jesus as exclusive, or simply because they are jealous or possessed and empowered by the devil (btw all unbelievers are called enemies of God, children of wrath, and children of the devil until they cross over from death to life and repent and believe in Jesus for salvation) to oppose everything of God

– which means they oppose and attack His Word, His Church/true followers, and especially His gospel which is their only way, key, and door for unbelievers to escape the coming judgment of God on the devil, his fallen angels, and all those who refused/rejected the blessed gospel that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life to transfer to us His perfect righteousness so we have right standing before a perfect and Holy God, Jesus Christ died a sacrificial death to satisfy God's justice against our sins as the atonement necessary for us to be forgiven all our sins/ways we have rebelled against our creator, and Jesus Christ rose victoriously from the dead in order to prove He is God, but also to show He had conquered sin and death on our behalf so that we know His promise to raise us from the dead and bring us into His Kingdom/heaven just as He is raised is absolutely real and guaranteed by God Himself...

But Satan knowingly and unbelievers knowingly and unknowingly resist, reject, and repudiate all of this – because they are in darkness, blind, wretched, depraved... but we are in the light, safe from God's coming wrath on this wicked world, reconciled/at peace with God, and 100% assured to rule and reign with Him in His coming Kingdom which I believe is very soon as we observe that we are 2000 years after the cross and in the sixth day of a 1000 years before the 7th day/Sabbath rest of Jesus' millennial/1000 year reign on the earth.

13:51 Shake the dust of your feet – way to protest back... not with retribution or violence but with prayer for our enemies, moving on to new fertile soil or in this case people and locations that are open and receptive to the gospel. As 1 and 2 Peter have a theme of endurance of suffering as a Christian – listen - 1 Pet. 2:19-25 ¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

13:52 Continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Finally are you a joyful person and daily filled/empowered by the Holy Spirit? Are you a powerful Christian who is constantly/continually filled with spiritual power by the Holy Spirit because you are regularly in Prayer with the Lord? Because you regularly saturate your mind and your families minds with Scripture? And because you are on point, on mission about His business to be a light for Jesus, and ambassador for the gospel, and a herald of the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere you go?

What verse/commentary from above stood out to you? What's something you learned, agree or disagree, or the one thing/something God convicted you from the sermon that you want to work on and pursue progress in this week?

IV. Application: In the face of progress in evangelism that we are pushing for at TBC and the corresponding “pushback” from Satan and his forces (demons/unbelievers) – what armor of God do you need to put on this week? (Eph. 6)

Look up Acts 13:43 (continue in the grace of God) – discuss the grace God is giving you make progress in the faith... Look up Acts 11:23-24 (encouraged them all to with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord) – how can we better spur one another on towards “love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24-25) and to overall remain true to our Lord?

Caleb Laird's Gospel Presentation (Romans Road Method)

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1. God's Wrath (Perfect Justice) Romans 1:17-18
2. God's Righteousness (Perfect Blood) – Romans 3:21-26
3. God's Grace (Perfect Love) – Romans 5:8-10
4. God's Requirement (Perfect Promise) – Romans 10:9-13

Summary: The Biblical Gospel is the GOOD NEWS that Jesus' perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection offers us God's righteousness, forgiveness, and eternal life IF we will REPENT and believe by FAITH in Jesus as our Savior and Lord!

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Romans 1:17-18 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. **Romans 3:21-26** 21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith, for a demonstration of His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. **Romans 5:8-10** 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **Romans 10:9-13** 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved... the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him, for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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Matthew 22:37-38 ³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

SERVE PEOPLE SINCERELY

Matthew 22:39 ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

REACH THE LOST URGENTLY

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Acts 13:44-52

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47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'" 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.



What kind of person am I / are you? (TLJTPFF)

1. Truthful
2. Loving
3. Joyful
4. Thankful
5. Powerful
6. Fruitful
7. Faithful

The kind of leaders we need and are looking for:

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- ▶ Knowledgeable,
- ▶ Faithful,
- ▶ Available,
- ▶ Teachable,
- ▶ Loving,
- ▶ Example

1. Are you pursuing your God-given role not only as a Protector and Provider, but also as the **Spiritual Head/leader** of your home who loves, nourishes, and cherishes his wife (**Eph. 5:25–33**), and who loves his children by training, evangelizing, and disciplining his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord? (**Proverbs 22:6**)
2. Do you have **clear household rules, standards, and expectations**? (**Exodus 20:3–17**)
3. Do you have clear and **consistent consequences/Biblical discipline** of your children in truth and love not anger or abuse? (**Hebrews 12:9–13**)
4. Are you leading regular **family worship/devotions** & praying with your wife & kids? (**Col. 3:12–17**)
5. Are you spending **quality time evangelizing/disciplining/mentoring** your children? (**Deut. 6:4–9**)
6. Are you **loving** your children in the greatest way possible by Biblically loving their mother/**your wife**? (secure, peaceful, loving home) (**Col. 3:19**)
7. Are you the **spiritual leader, pacesetter**, and good spiritual example to your children? (**1 Tim. 4:12**)
8. Are you **faithfully obeying Jesus' commands** in Scripture specifically addressed to fathers? (**Eph. 6:4, Col. 3:21, 1 John 2:13–14**)

Biblical Character of Christian Father

Galatians 5:22–26 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

1. **Loving** / caring, kind, encouraging VS hateful, uncaring, de-edifying
2. **Joyful** / happy, positive, worshipful VS grumpy, critical, negative, depressed
3. **Peaceable** / reconciling, investing/pursuing relationships VS fighting, arguing, complaining
4. **Patient** / forbearing, merciful, forgiving VS impatient, fault-finding, record of wrongs
5. **Kind** / excellent, upright, useful VS lazy, unproductive, disorder
6. **Good** / Righteous, obedient VS Deceitful, Lying, Hypocritical, evil
7. **Faithful** / overcoming, enduring VS quitter, traitor, compromiser
8. **Gentle** / gracious/meek/ VS angry, harsh, quick-tempered
9. **Self-controlled** / self-disciplined, self-denial VS self-sufficient, self-focused, self-absorbed
10. **Humble** / teachable/correctable VS Proud, self-centered, selfish
11. **Thankful** / grateful/appreciative VS bitter, unforgiving, retaliatory
12. **Truthful** / knowledgeable, wise, discerning, doctrinal, trustworthy VS Ignorant, Foolish, Naïve
13. **Fruitful** / productive, growing VS Unfruitful, weak, wasteful, declining
14. **Prayerful** / powerful, insightful, persevering VS proud, blind, sinful, deceived, distracted

Foreword by Tedd Tripp

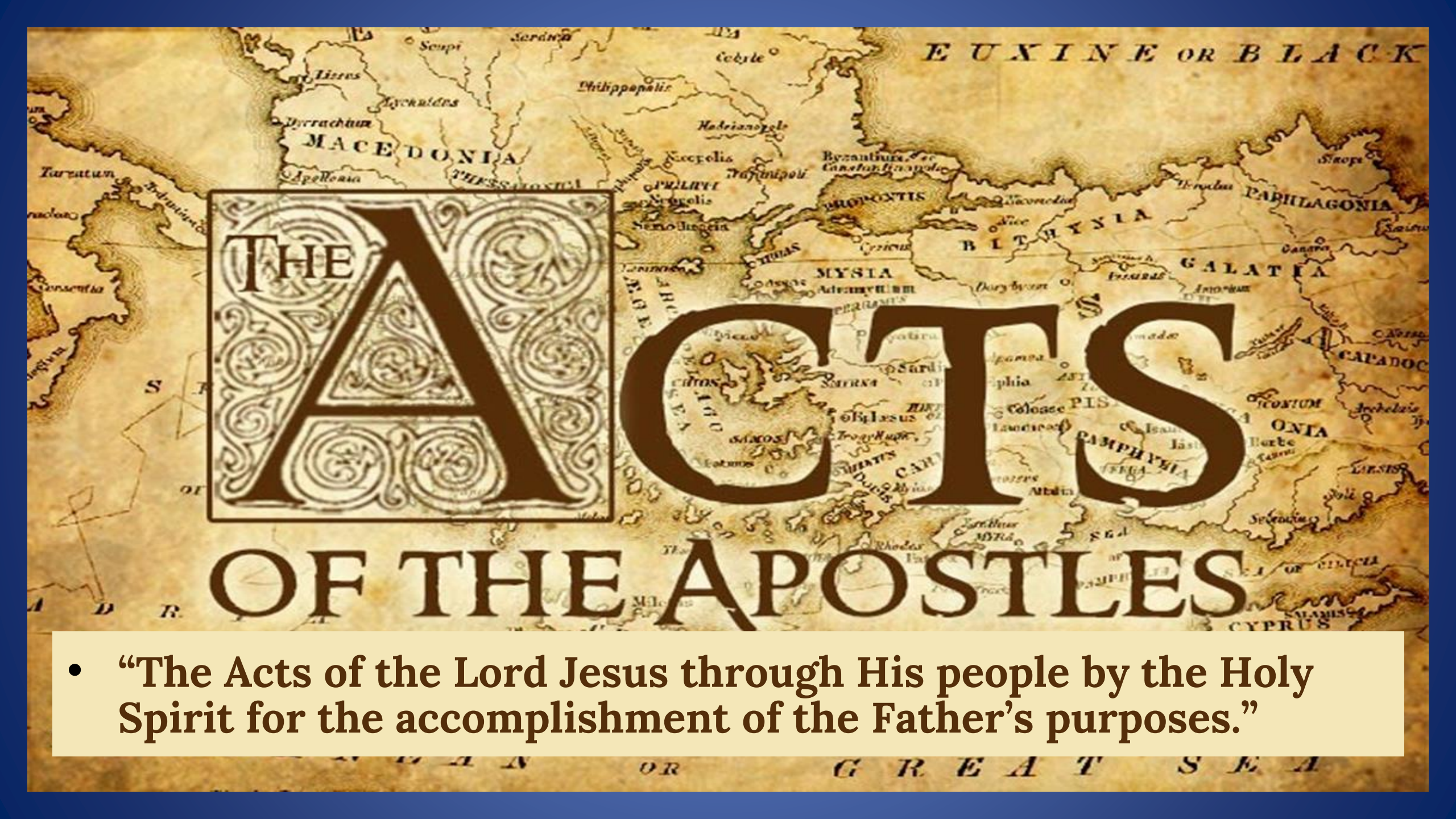


LOVING YOUR WIFE

As Christ Loves
the Church

LARRY E. McCALL
Author of Walking Like Jesus Did

- ▶ **Who:** TBC Men (**Faithful Men Ministry**)
- ▶ **What:** Summer Bible & book study (**Loving Your Wife** – 14 chapters)
- ▶ **When:** Every Thursday this summer (7:30–8:30a) (June, July, August)
- ▶ **Where:** Randy Stubbs House (backup location is the TBC Church Office)
- ▶ **Why:** Christ has commanded all of us in Ephesians 5 to love our wife as He/Jesus loved the church (selflessly, sacrificially, unconditionally) and we ALL struggle to do this or can improve greatly our agape/divine love towards our spouse.
- ▶ *******Zoom will be available for remote access



THE ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

- “The Acts of the Lord Jesus through His people by the Holy Spirit for the accomplishment of the Father’s purposes.”

Paul's First Missionary Journey • AD 47–49 • Acts 13:1–14:28





Paul's First Missionary Journey

This Week's Sermon Title:

“A Whole City

Comes to Hear the Gospel”

(Joy and Power by the Holy Spirit despite
spiritual opposition/pushback)

Acts 13:44–52

Teaching Outline of Acts 13:14–52

I. (13:14–16) Good Preaching Principles

- **Read** the Text (Dt. 17:18–20, Dt. 31:11, Josh 8:34, 2 Kings 22:8, Neh. 8:1–8, 18, 9:3, ***1 Tim. 4:13)
- **Explain** the Text (Exposition) (Neh. 8:8, Acts 13:15, 20:2, Rom. 12:8, 15:4–5, 1 Cor. 14:3, 1 Tim. 4:13, Heb. 13:22)
- **Apply** the Text (Application) (Mt. 7:24–26, Luke 6:47, Romans 2:13, Col. 3:22–23, James 1:22–25, 1 Peter 3:3–4)
 - Stand up to passionately plead with people to **FEAR** God and **LISTEN** to God through His Word

II. (13:17–41) Paul's Sermon at Pisidian Antioch

1. Key Verses / Main Points
2. OT Citations / Parallel Verses
3. Commands / Overall Application

III. (13:42–52) Aftermath/results of the sermon

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- A. (13:42–43) Asking for more teaching...continue in the grace of God
- B. (13:44–47) Rejection of the Jewish unbelievers (jealousy, contradicting, blaspheming)
- C. (13:48) Celebration of the Gentile believers (rejoicing, glorifying)
- D. (13:49) The Word of the Lord kept **SPREADING** to the whole region
- E. (13:50–51) The **Persecution** by the Jewish unbelievers (incited prominent women, leading men, drove them out) and **Perseverance** of Paul and Barnabas (shook dust off/went on)
- F. (13:52) The New Disciples were continually filled (**JOYFUL** and **POWERFUL/useful** by the Holy Spirit)

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2022 Census data: 114877K in St. Mary's County and 94573 Calvert County

Hollywood/20636 as 11K, California/20619 MD 14K,
Callaway/20620 1K, Lexington Park/20653 27K, Leonardtown/20650
15k, Great Mills/20634 8K, 1k Pax River/20670

13K Prince Frederick/20678, 21K Lusby/20657, Solomons/20688
1k, 500 Broomes Island/20615, St. Leonard/20685 7K, Port
Republic/20676 3k, Huntingtown/20639 15k

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

13:45 Jealous Jews – jealous because of the numbers/crowds/public interest

Nothing new under the sun – humans always have and will struggle with popularity, acceptance, fame, etc.)

but also contradict (oppose, challenge, say something different)

and even blaspheme – speak untruths, lies, and evil specifically about God).

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13:46 Paul and Barnabus meet this opposition with BOLDNESS – bold in that they don't avoid confrontation, they address it head on, and even boldly state and expose the sin going on

...specifically YOUR REPUDIATE/reject the gospel and especially the hard but true reality – you have “judged yourselves unworthy of eternal life (condemnation/damnation/eternal separation),

and even end with a bold statement that addresses long standing prejudice, hatred, and racial division – “we are turning to the Gentiles (who you thought were unworthy of eternal life – but are, are loved by God, are included in salvation – Jesus did die for their sins, and so the gospel is offered to EVERYBODY.

Acts 13:47 "For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

13:47 Light to the Gentiles – Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 60:3, Luke 2:32, 1 Peter 2:9

Salvation to the ends of the earth (Psalm 67:2, 98:3, Isaiah 52:10, Ps. 2:8, 22:27)

Acts 13:48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

13:48a When you and I realized, grip, grasp that you have been saved, all that you have been saved from, and how gracious /gloriously the Lord loved and accomplished salvation for us...

You and I will (or should) rejoice and glorify God for our salvation just as the Gentiles rejoice and worship God here when they realize that Jesus' salvation reaches to them too!

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Yes, unless God foreknew, forordained, planned, and provided salvation – none of us would be saved, none of us would have anything to respond to, repent towards, or put our faith in – thus the credit and glory for salvation goes ALL to God. He did love and choose us first before we choose Him or reciprocate His love. His predestination or election of us does precede us and go all the way back to before the creation of the world, and so we can glory in the fact that He did choose us, call us, die for us, draw/convict us, send someone with the gospel for us, and yes convince us/enable us to have total faith in Him and His salvation without sight.

But nor does this negate the responsibility of man to repent and believe by faith, to respond to salvation by seeking, hearing, coming, choosing,, believing, and following Jesus not because we are forced to believe, follow, or worship, but out of our limited free will we reciprocate God's love and desire to have personal relationship with us. Nor does this verse say that God limits salvation, or that man is born again/regenerated BEFORE or in order to repent and have faith, but it does mean that God already knows by His perfect omniscience those He has chosen/appointed for salvation which is also as a mystery those who willingly repent, believe, and follow Him as Lord.

Yet, I caution both the Calvinists and Arminians not to try to figure out exactly how or why salvation works from God's perspective, especially any speculation that goes beyond what the Scripture clearly states about salvation – but simply and humbly accept some of the mysteries of salvation and just be glad/rejoicing and glorifying/worshipping God because you just know its real, its available, and that it's your own – you yourself have been saved. And so I gently ask do all of you have assurance of salvation?

Historical/Grammatical Hermeneutics (Interpretation)

1. **Literal Principle** (vs. allegorical) (account for genre)
2. **Contextual Principle** (context of the verse, chapter, book, Bible) (vs. out of context)
3. **Historical Principle** (correct meaning/understanding is what God was saying to the original audience through the original inspired author) (vs. eisegesis – what it means to me, reading meaning into the text)
4. **Grammatical Principle** (lexical – word meaning and usage, grammar – parsing, diagramming sentence order/structure)
5. **Total Principle** (Synthesis/Panoply)– The correct interpretation/meaning/understanding is in line/congruent with the whole of Scripture/what the entire Bible says about a subject

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Historical/Grammatical Hermeneutics (Interpretation)

Practical Project interpreting Acts 13:48 (Home Group 6/26/24)

1. **Literal Principle** – the word appointed means appointed/ordained – God planned, willed, ordered, and arranged our salvation). While this verse is one of the strong or hyper Calvinists favorite go to passages, and should not buy into their whole system, we should equally not do injustice/gymnastics with this verse recognizing the sovereignty of God in salvation namely that if God had not had foreknowledge (all knowledge from all time), planned salvation (even before the creation of the earth), provided salvation (exclusively in Jesus), enabled salvation (drawing, illumination, conviction, and convincing by Holy Spirit), sent salvation (beautiful feet of the Christians who shared with us the blessed gospel)... we would never be saved on our own, have nothing to respond towards or receive, thus salvation is APPOINTED/ORDAINED by God (He orders, arranges, draws up salvation so that it is even available for us to receive by faith. Thus, only God gets all the glory for salvation – nothing to us as it is undeserved and by God'S GRACE (undeserved blood of Jesus) and through (appropriated) by FAITH.

2. **Contextual Principle** – Context of Acts (Vol. 2 of Luke to Theophilus to convince him of what he has heard and been taught), context of Acts 13–14 – 1st Missionary Journey, Paul and Barnabus (J. Mark but he quit), 47–49 A.D. timeframe, Asia Minor location – Psidian Antioch (modern day Turkey). Necessary to go first to Jews in synagogues (necessary because of promises/covenants to Abraham, David, etc. fulfill prophecy, first will be last, last first (Jews first to hear will be last to receive, Gentiles last to hear will be first to receive), Jesus ministry only to Jews, Paul now showing that Gentiles also APPOINTED to eternal life (God's will even in OT was for salvation/light to go the ends of the earth/all nations). Jews first likely because they as the keepers of the law, covenants is the foundation of the gospel/fulfillments in Christ. When the Jews repudiate/reject the gospel (13:46) and judge themselves unworthy of eternal life then Paul and B turn to the Gentiles (who many believe and then rejoice/celebrate that the gospel is available to them/everyone – thus appointed might not be “you can't believe unless you are appointed / i.e. God limiting salvation and enabling it, but rather the Gentiles as a whole people group are also appointed for salvation (Beth E. made this good point).

3. **Historical Principle** – There seems to be two separate meetings – 1st one at a synagogue of Jews and proselytes (non Jews who fear God and have converted to Judaism), and 2nd the following Saturday when the whole city comes out to hear P and B give the gospel so that there are Jews, Proselytes, and Gentiles unbelievers gathering to hear the gospel. Unfortunately some or many of the Jews reject the gospel, prompting Paul to turn to more fertile soil/the coalition of the willing (Gentiles) which makes the Jews angry unto murder. So hear with this very favorite Calvinistic used verse is the context of Arminian human responsibility – men who reject the gospel, judge themselves unworthy of the gospel/eternal life, and do not believe out of their free will.

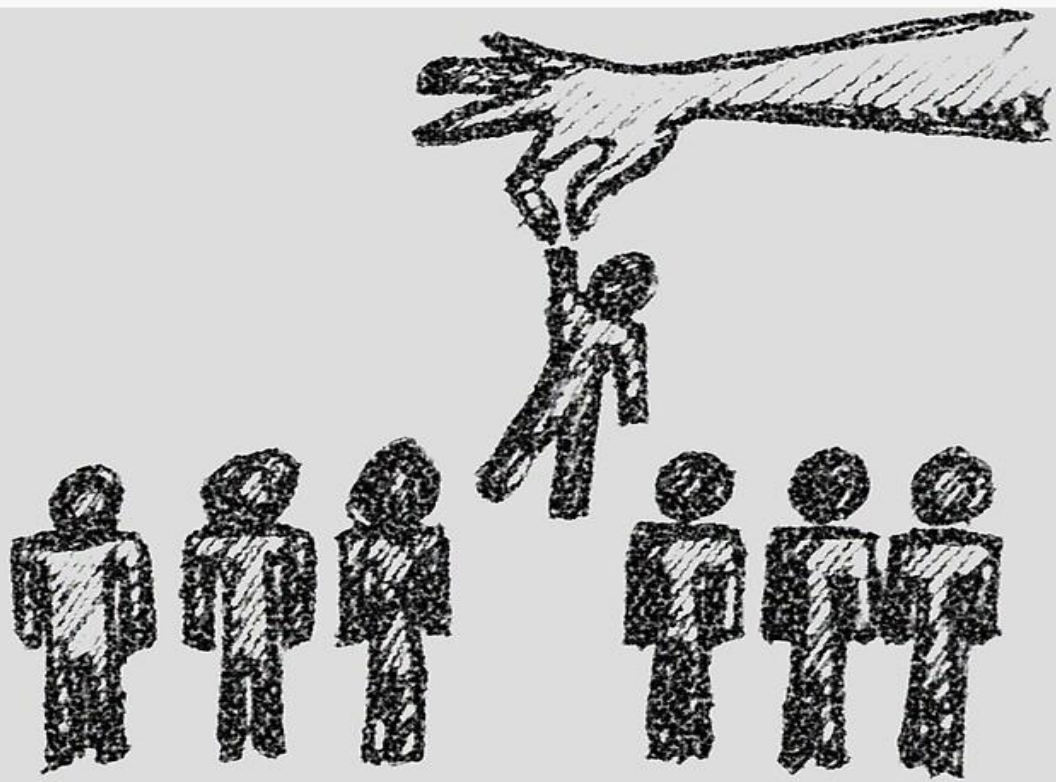
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TBC Elder Dennis Richardson points out that ἐπίστευσαν (believed) is listed first and an indicative verb, aorist active, 3rd person plural and that appoint (τεταγμένοι is a perfect passive participle masculine plural that modifies the main verb of believed so that literally “many believed were appointed into life eternal” not appointed by God so they could believe as most strong/hyper Calvinists assert.

5. **Total Principle** – the correct interpretation must be in line with all/the whole of Scripture – so when looking at verses like Pastor Alden pointed to 2 Thess. 2:10–12, Marissa Acts 13:41/Hab 1:5, Chad – 2 Peter 3:9, and 1 Timothy 2:1–4 that we must conclude that while God plans, orders, arranges salvation – this does not mean that the gospel is not available to everyone, nor that man has no ability to understand or receive the gospel (he is held responsible if he doesn't), nor does it mean that God limits salvation – rather man limits salvation by their rejection, repudiation, and judging themselves unworthy of eternal life (why broad is the road that lead to destruction – many enter it, and only narrow the road to life – only a few find it). While God has promised that everyone who believes will be appointed into eternal life.



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Exegesis-

When you start with the text and draw out its meaning, only after study & analysis, do you formulate interpretations of, or reactions to what you read.

Acts 13:48

Eisegesis-

When you take things out of context to support just about any presuppositions and/or prejudices you already had.

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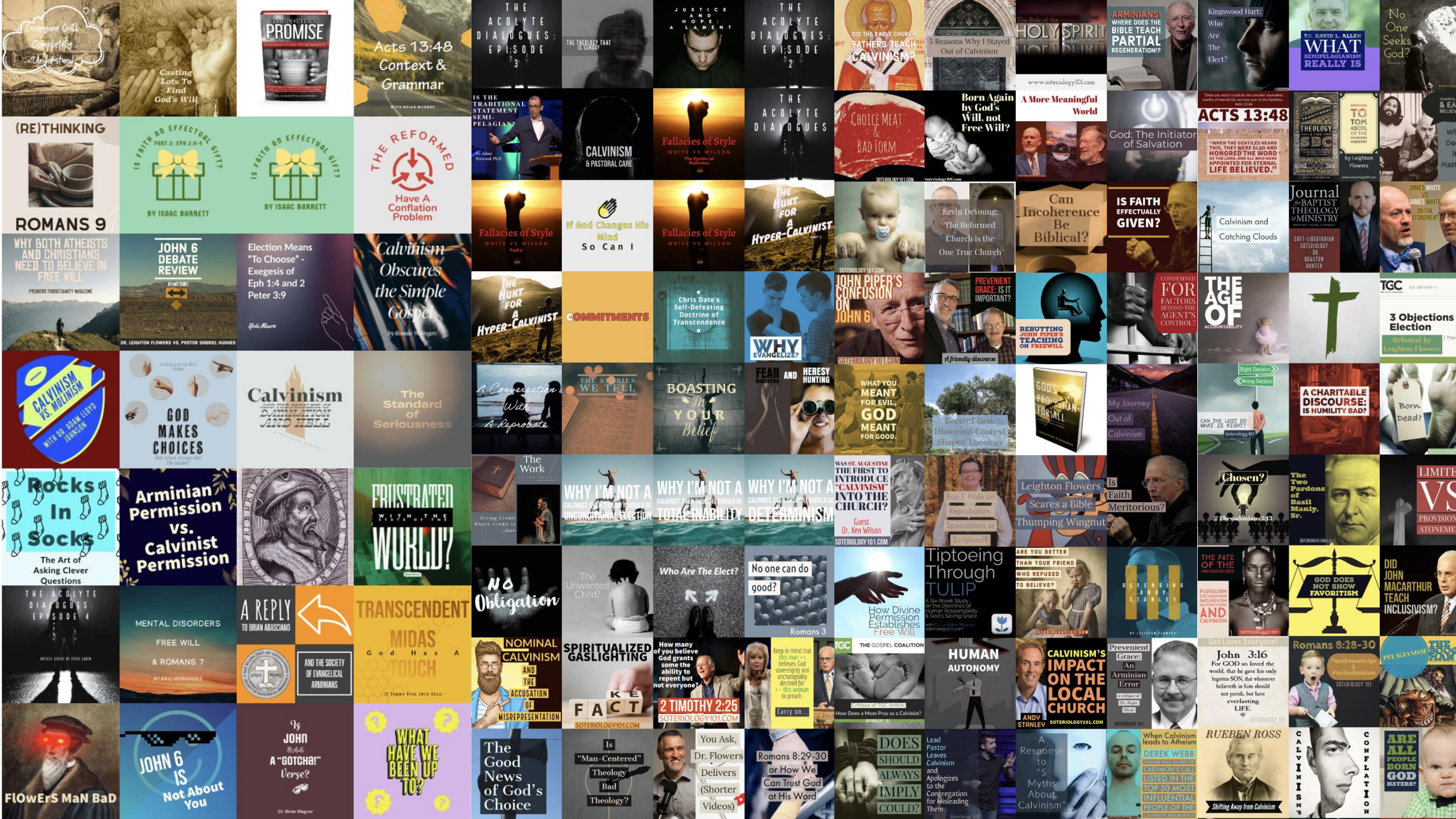
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unconditionally appointed by God before the foundation of the world for eternal life believed.”

Acts 13:48

THE 5 POINTS THAT LED ME TO LEAVE CALVINISM

Many have asked what specific points led me away from Calvinism. Being a Professor of Theology that once affirmed TULIP gives me a unique perspective on this subject. However, I do not claim to be an expert in the field nor do I begrudge those who disagree with my perspective. I simply desire to interpret [...]



(RE)THINKING



ROMANS 9

WHY BOTH ATHEISTS AND CHRISTIANS NEED TO BELIEVE IN FREE WILL



Rocks In Socks

The Art of Asking Clever Questions

Arminian Permission vs. Calvinist Permission



Frustrated World!

THE ACOLYTE DIALOGUES: EPISODE 4

MENTAL DISORDERS FREE WILL & ROMANS 7



TRANSCENDENT MIDAS TOUCH



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How many of you believe God grants some the ability to repent but not everyone?

2 TIMOTHY 2:25

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Acts 13:48

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Acts 13:49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

13:49 So we pray this good news/this gospel will like here – spread throughout our entire region (St.Mary's and Calvert County) and to our Samaria (DC and surrounding areas), and to the ends of the earth (all the US and the entire world).

Acts 13:50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

13:50 But when we are faithful and new people are being saved and added to the church – and the true universal church is growing (meaning the genuine born again Christians who truly belong to Christ around the world are increasing) ... there will be what I call “push back” opposition from Satan and demons, and even persecution from unsaved people who do not love Jesus but rather themselves and their sin, and because they are angry that we are exposing sin, or preaching Jesus as exclusive, or simply because they are jealous or possessed and empowered by the devil (btw all unbelievers are called enemies of God, children of wrath, and children of the devil until they cross over from death to life and repent and believe in Jesus for salvation) to oppose everything of God

– which means they oppose and attack His Word, His Church/true followers, and especially His gospel which is their only way, key, and door for unbelievers to escape the coming judgment of God on the devil, his fallen angels, and all those who refused/rejected the blessed gospel that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life to transfer to us His perfect righteousness so we have right standing before a perfect and Holy God, Jesus Christ died a sacrificial death to satisfy God’s justice against our sins as the atonement necessary for us to be forgiven all our sins/ways we have rebelled against our creator, and Jesus Christ rose victoriously from the dead in order to prove He is God, but also to show He had conquered sin and death on our behalf so that we know His promise to raise us from the dead and bring us into His Kingdom/heaven just as He is raised is absolutely real and guaranteed by God Himself...

But Satan knowingly and unbelievers knowingly and unknowingly resist, reject, and repudiate all of this – because they are in darkness, blind, wretched, depraved... but we are in the light, safe from God’s coming wrath on this wicked world, reconciled/at peace with God, and 100% assured to rule and reign with Him in His coming Kingdom which I believe is very soon as we observe that we are 2000 years after the cross and in the sixth day of a 1000 years before the 7th day/Sabbath rest of Jesus’ millennial/1000 year reign on the earth.

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

13:51 Shake the dust of your feet – way to protest back... not with retribution or violence but with prayer for our enemies, moving on to new fertile soil or in this case people and locations that are open and receptive to the gospel.

As 1 and 2 Peter have a theme of endurance of suffering as a Christian – listen – 1 Pet. 2:19-25 ¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

13:52 Finally are you a joyful person and daily filled/empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Are you a powerful Christian who is constantly/continually filled with spiritual power by the Holy Spirit because you are regularly in Prayer with the Lord? ,

Because you regularly saturate your mind and your families minds with Scripture?

And because you are on point, on mission about His business to be a light for Jesus, and ambassador for the gospel, and a herald of the good new of Jesus Christ everywhere you go?

SO WHAT?

Application



Acts 13:43 Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 11:23-24 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; 24 for he was **a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.** And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

Lord Jesus Help me THIS DAY prayers...

- ▶ **My relationship with God:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me live THIS DAY for you, for your will and glory. Show me, lead me, and guide me to be all in and all for you – to be successful and pleasing in your eyes alone – that you would have 1st place/supremacy in everything I think, do, and say today.
- ▶ **My relationship with my wife:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me love, cherish, and nourish my wife THIS DAY as you love the church. Empower me to love her with agape/divine love that is selfless, sacrificial and unconditional.
- ▶ **My relationship with my children:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me love, teach, and model true authentic and Biblical Christianity to my children THIS DAY. Empower me to evangelize and disciple them with excellence THIS DAY. My heart cry is for all of them to be saved/to come safely into your coming Kingdom, for all of them to marry in the faith and have strong Biblical marriages, and for all of them to raise godly children so there is legacy of faith in my line until you rapture us home.
- ▶ **My relationship with believers:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me to be a good Pastor/Shepherd, and Elder/Overseer, and Preacher/teacher to my church THIS DAY. Empower me to set the example for the believers in speech, life, love, faith, and purity. Protect me from the evil one who seeks to discourage, distract, and destroy me, my family, and your church.
- ▶ **My relationship with unbelievers:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me see and love all people the way you love them – wanting none to perish, desiring all to repent and be saved by the knowledge of the truth/gospel, and urgently going with the gospel to make disciples of all nations seeking to make the most of every opportunity.
- ▶ **My struggle with myself/my desire to be man of God (prayers for myself):** Dear Lord Jesus, help me be a humble, joyful, thankful, gracious, and righteous man THIS day. Empower me by your Holy Spirit to be truthful, loving, powerful, fruitful, and faithful THIS DAY. Guide me, Make me, and enable me to the worshipper, husband, father, Pastor/churchman, and evangelist that you command in your Word. Guard me from selfishness, pride, deception, self-destruction, and all sin. Keep depression, lust, anger, and all worthless things and pursuits far away from me. Make me the man of God you want me to be by your Word, your Spirit/prayer, and Your people/the Church, and your mission/evangelism – the Great Commission.
- ▶ **Overall, my commitment/confession to follow Jesus as Lord:** Dear Lord Jesus, help me as I commit, resolve, and promise to be a faithful slave and disciple who learns, follows, and worships you THIS DAY. May I be fully utilized for your Kingdom and Glory THIS DAY.

Foreword by Tedd Tripp



LOVING YOUR WIFE

As Christ Loves
the Church

LARRY E. McCALL
Author of Walking Like Jesus Did

- ▶ **Who:** TBC Men (**Faithful Men Ministry**)
- ▶ **What:** Summer Bible & book study (**Loving Your Wife** – 14 chapters)
- ▶ **When:** Every Thursday this summer (7:30–8:30a) (June, July, August)
- ▶ **Where:** Randy Stubbs House (backup location is the TBC Church Office)
- ▶ **Why:** Christ has commanded all of us in Ephesians 5 to love our wife as He/Jesus loved the church (selflessly, sacrificially, unconditionally) and we ALL struggle to do this or can improve greatly our agape/divine love towards our spouse.
- ▶ *******Zoom will be available for remote access