

On This Pentecost Sunday We Need An Empowering of the Holy Spirit!



↪ Do you see the need?

↪ What are you going through today?

↪ 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 – ¹⁷ “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us **a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory**,¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”



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Today's Message:

SERIES: THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Study of the Early Church With Contemporary Application

"The Tribulations at Iconium & Lystra - Division, Violence, Heresy & Stoning - Trials Only The Holy Spirit Can Help Us Overcome"

Text: Acts 14:1-20

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**The Key To Fulfilling
the Great Commission
Is The Power of
Pentecost!**



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The Journey To Iconium (vv.1-3)

↪ Good News: A Great multitude of the Jews and of the Greeks believed (v.1)!

↪ Bad News: Unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren (v.2).

↪ More Good News: They stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands (v.3).



Trouble & Division at Iconium (vv.4-7)

↪ Division: The multitude of the city was divided (v.4).

↪ Violence: A violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone Barnabas and Paul (v.5).

↪ Departure: They became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe... and were preaching the gospel there (vv.6-7).

Miracles & Idolatry at Lystra (vv.8-20)

↪ Crippled Man: "crippled in his feet" / "lame from birth" / "had never walked" (v.8).

↪ Faith to be Healed: Paul saw that he had faith to be healed (v.9) and spoke to him to "stand up on his feet," and he was healed (v.10)!

↪ A Pagan Response: The crowds hailed Barnabas & Paul as Greek gods (Zeus & Hermes) come down in the likeness of men (vv.11-13).

↪ Barnabas & Paul Preach: Testifying of the Creator God (vv.14-18).

↪ Paul Is Stoned "To Death" (Nearly): Jews from Antioch and Iconium came to Lystra and stoned Paul – dragging him out of the city, supposing him to be dead (v.19).

↪ A Miracle Transpires: Paul rose up and went into the city (v.20)!