

ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



ACTS 14:19-28

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ACTS 14:19-28 (cont.)

...they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



ACTS 14:19-28 (cont.)

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.



ACTS 14:19-28 (cont.)

And they remained no little time with the disciples.



THE GLORY IN SUFFERING'S JOY

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**THE GLORY IN
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GOSPEL JOY**



ACTS 14:19-21a

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ACTS 5:28-29

“We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.





ACTS 13:48b

...as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.





**THE GLORY IN
SUFFERING FOR THE
JOY OF SOULS**



AS THE APOSTLES WENT BACK...

1. They strengthened the souls of the disciples.



ACTS 14:21b-22a

...they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith,



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DOCTRINES OF...

1. The Living God
2. God is the Creator of all things
3. Jesus Christ is his Son
4. The Holy Spirit
5. The Salvation of God
6. The New Community of Jesus
7. The standards of Holiness & Love
8. The sufferings which are the path to glory
9. The strong hope laid up for us in heaven



AS THE APOSTLES WENT BACK...

1. They strengthened the souls of the disciples.
2. They encouraged the disciples.



ACTS 14:22a

...strengthening the souls of the disciples,
encouraging them to continue in the faith,



MARK 13:13

And you will be hated by all for my name's sake.
But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



JAMES 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



ACTS 14:22b

...saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.



“Trials are designed to overwhelm us with a sense of our own inadequacy and to drive us to cling to Him more closely . . . God fills our lives with troubles and perplexities . . . to ensure that we shall learn to hold Him fast. The reason why the Bible spends so much of its time reiterating that God is a strong rock, a firm defense, a sure refuge and help for the weak is that God spends so much of His time bringing home to us that we are weak, both mentally and morally, and dare not trust ourselves to find or to follow the right road”



“God wants us to feel that our way through life is rough and perplexing, so that we may learn thankfully to lean on Him. Therefore, he takes steps to drive us out of self-confidence to trust in Him, to wait upon the Lord. In light of that we do not despair, we are not without hope, because God is the one on whom we have set our hope.”

J. I. PACKER

Knowing God



2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12 (cont.)

So death is at work in us, but life in you.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



AS THE APOSTLES WENT BACK...

1. They strengthened the souls of the disciples.
2. They encouraged the disciples.
3. They gave the disciples shepherds.



ACTS 14:23

And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



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THE GLORY IN SUFFERING FOR THE CHURCH'S JOY



ACTS 14:26-28

...and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they remained no little time with the disciples.



“When you endure suffering and tribulation, you have no idea how God will use your story to encourage others. The testimony of God’s suffering saints nourishes the faith of all of God’s people.”

JOHN STOTT





PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ,



PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (cont.)

the righteousness from God that depends on faith —that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.





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