

Life in the Kingdom of God is not always _____, but it's always _____!

Rom 8:18; ... *the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

2 Cor 4:17; *For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison.*

1 Peter 4:13; ...*rejoice that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed at the revelation of His glory.*

IV. _____ THINGS IN _____

Vss.23-28; *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. 24 Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, 26 and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. 27 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. 28 And they remained no little time with the disciples.*

Everyone _____ from biblical spiritual leadership, including the _____.

James 3:1; *Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness.*

CONCLUSION:

God has opened the door of _____ to the Gentiles.

In the First Missionary Journey Jesus has _____ down the _____.

MISSION TRIUMPHS AND TRIBULATIONS CHRIST COMMUNITY

Reformed Church

ACTS 14

Eph 2:19-21; ...*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

Heb 1:3; ...*consider Jesus the apostle and high priest of our confession.*

John 20:21,22; “*As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.*” *And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

To be _____ is to be _____!

II. KNOW WHEN TO _____

Vss. 1-7; *Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. 3 So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles.*

Gal 3:5; *Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith?*

Luke 12:51; *Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division...*

D. James Kennedy; Tolerance is the _____ virtue of a _____ society. When you have an immoral society that has blatantly, proudly, violated all of the commandments of God, there is one last virtue they insist upon: tolerance for their immorality.

Vs 5: *When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them,*

Vss.6-7; *they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, 7 and there they continued to preach the gospel.*

I. KNOW WHEN TO _____

Acts 14:8-12; *Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. 11 And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.*

Acts 4:13; *"... they saw the boldness of Peter and John... they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

Acts 4:29; *... look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.*

Miracles are always comprehended from within an existing _____.

Vs.13-18: *And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, 15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.*

Vs 19; *But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.*

This whole _____ sounds like what happened with _____.

Vs. 20; *But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city and on the next day he went on...*

The proof of your being filled with the Holy Spirit is gospel _____!

III. THE MISSION _____

Vss.20b-21; *... and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch...*

Vs 22: *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.*