

## LIVING THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

### The Offer Of Life To The World

Acts 13:44 - 14:28

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Tell the Jews first, then your neighbors, your town, your region, and then every ethnic and people group in the world.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Acts 2:42 NIV

### **LIFE TO THE JEWS**

*On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first.*

Acts 13:44-46a NIV

*Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the Law of Moses.*

Acts 13:38-39 NIV

### **LIFE TO THE WORLD**

*When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.*

Acts 13:48-49 NIV

Up to now the only way to God was to become a Jew.

What was the response of the Gentiles to this offer of life?

### **THE OFFER IS MADE – NOT ALL WILL ACCEPT**

*In earlier days he permitted all the nations to go their own ways, but he never left himself without a witness. There were always his reminders, such as sending you rain and good crops and giving you food and joyful hearts." But even so, Paul and Barnabas could scarcely restrain the people from sacrificing to them.*

Acts 14:16-18 NLT

*But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.*

Acts 14:20 NIV

### **THE MESSAGE IS GIVEN BUT NOT EASILY UNDERSTOOD**

*They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, [22] strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

Acts 14:21-22 NIV

As followers of Jesus, we are to offer the good news of life to all those God places before us. Make friends. Care for people. You should not be surprised what the Amish did. It is what every believer and follower of Jesus should do.