

INTRODUCTION

1. Motif: proclamation of Jesus' resurrection in Acts. Review: Peter then Paul.
2. Ptr's sermon in A2 & Paul's in A13 are paradigmatic; programmatic. Now & next LD, overview of missionary journeys.

1st: Paul's Ministry in Cyprus

1. A 13:1-12 power of Christ over Satanic powers & principalities [PPs] - a motif for later study. Present concern is proclamation of res'd Jesus.
 2. Note: *the Lord* & role of *HS* in church in Antioch, Syria [v1-4].
 - i. A 2:32-36 *Lord* = res'd enthroned Jesus who gives HS to His people.
 - ii. A 4:33 Jesus is called *Lord* on basis of res.
3. A 13:1-4 Church is *ministering* [priestly service] *to the Lord* [worship before enthroned Jesus in heavenly temple]: *fasting* [coupled w/ prayer]
 - i. *HS said* - thru *prophets* [v1]: send Barn & Saul - *for the work*
 - ii. v3 church sends = v4 sent by HS -> Cyprus.
4. Preach: v5,7 *proclaim the word of God*; v8 *the faith*; v12 *the teaching of the Lord*; *the straight ways of the Lord* [v10]. *The hand of the Lord* [v11] = HS of res'd Ld - v9 Saul, filled w/ HS, rebukes Elymas.
 - i. *Word of God* [A4:31; 6:2,7; 8:14; 11:1] = message [logos] from God
 - ii. *the faith* [A 6:7] = what is believed, not the act of believing.
 - iii. *the teaching* [doctrine, instruction] - in the foundational time, accompanied by validating miracles - blinding Elymas
5. They begin to *proclaim word of God* - v5 *in the syns of the Jews*.
 - i. Paul's modus operandi is *to Jews 1st & also to Grks*: 14:1 Iconium; 17:1 Thess; 17:10 Berea; 17:17 Athens; 18:4 Cor; 18:19; 19:8 Eph
 - ii. A 17:1-3 = content of message in syns - use OT to show Messiah must suffer & rise then present Jesus as Messiah - doctrine: Christology

2nd: Paul's Ministry in Galatia

Where Galatia is debated: likely in S.Galatia: Iconium [14:1-7]; Lystra [v8-20a]; Derbe [v20b]) reverse order back to Antioch, Syria [v20b-28].

1. **Iconium** - in syn: rxn - belief & unbelief: *disbelieved* [Grk: disobey - i.e. refusal to believe = refusal of will - not persuaded] Jews agitated Gents & *embittered* [poison minds; turn against] *the brethren*: Paul & believers
 - i. v6-7 = a small panoramic summary - *preach the gospel* = message of Philip [A8:25] & Ptr [A8:40; 15:7] & Paul in Lystra [A14:15]
2. **Derbe** - A14:21a - Grt Com: *make discs* - how? *preach gospel*; in Macedonia [A16:10 Philippi]. A20:24 - ministry rec'd from Lord *to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God*. Facts: 1C 15:1-5 & summons
3. **Lystra** - Paul primary speaker: heal lame man [A 3:1-10 - smthg res'd Jesus did, validating apostolic message of res'd Jesus]
 - i. Lyconians misinterp - paganism: Barn = Zeus & Paul = Hermes. The local prst of Zeus brings animals to sacrifice - feast/celebration.
 - ii. Paul protests & prohibits - are *men of the same nature* [same passions: "God is w/o

passions" - LBC 2:1]. Not "deities" [cf. Athens - A17].

v15 - *preaching gospel* to pagans entails call to repent from *these vain thgs* to a *living God* = the Creator - cites Ex 10:11 [IVth]. Pagans have wrong God, holy days, & worship.

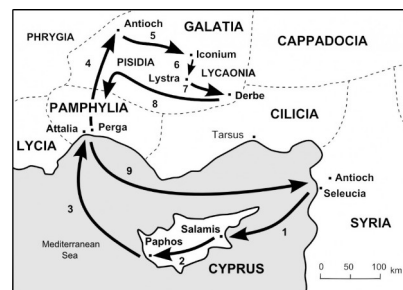
v16-19 God no longer *permitting nations to go their own way* [judicial wrath of abandonment in Rm 1]. Yet, not leave w/o *witness*: goodness of common grace life of this creation. But mob not give opportunity to explain gospel - unbelievers arouse persecution: stone - looks dead.

v20 fickle people - a funeral scene: Gal 6:17; 2C 11:25; 2T 3:11. *He got up* - A 2:22-24 *raised up*: pic of res

v20 *entered city* [Lystra] some MSS: the crowd had left & it was nite

3rd: Paul Returns to Antioch, Syria

1. A 14:20b-28 summary: indefinite time-frame - west to Derbe: *preached gospel & made many discs* => formation of churches. Why return?



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- i. v22 perseverance in *the faith*; thru trib - enter kingdom [A 13]
 - ii. v23 establ leaders in churches: plurality, accountable to Christ [A20:32]
2. v24-28 return to Antioch, Syria & report to church.

Applic 1: Observe How the Resurrected Jesus Builds His Church

1. v27 the Actor in story is "God" - Mt 16:16f - Jesus builds church on Himself as cornerstone & fndtn of apostolic witness [Scripture].
2. As apostolic gospel is preached, Jesus, by HS, saves His people.

Applic #2: Commit to Serve This Resurrected Lord Jesus

1. See the res of Jesus in Acts: central, consistent message. Do not be distracted by a "gospel" that is not the good news of res'd Jesus & forgiveness of sin.
2. Do not lose sight of the main character: Jesus - our res'd reigning Lord.