

THE DIVERSITY  
Of the Early Church

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# TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH - EVANGELISTS/PASTORS

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1. Dr. Dean Hendrix - Church planter/Missionary - Hispanic Pastor
2. Dr. Keith Huhta - Church planter/Missionary and Educator
3. Pastor Hai Nguyen - Church planter/Tentmaker - Vietnamese Pastor
4. Dr. William J. Senn, III - Senior Pastor
5. Pastor Larry Robbins - Assistant Pastor
6. Pastor Tyson Schrecengost - Assistant Pastor
7. Pastor Nathan Steadman - Assistant Pastor
8. Dr. Bryan Malik - Part-time Assistant Pastor
9. Intern Andrew Huhta
10. Intern Jacob Rodriguez

## II. THE SEPARATING SPIRIT

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**Acts 13:2,  
As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted,  
the Holy Ghost said,  
Separate me Barnabas and Saul  
for the work whereunto I have called them.**

### III. THE SENDING SAINTS

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**Acts 13:3,**

**And when they had fasted and prayed,  
and laid their hands on them,  
they sent them away.**

## IV. THE SOULWINNER'S STRATEGY

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**Acts 13:4-5,**  
**So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost,**  
**departed unto Seleucia;**  
**and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.**

**And when they were at Salamis,**  
**they preached the word of God**  
**in the synagogues of the Jews:**  
**and they had also John to their minister.**

## V. THE SATANIC SORCERER

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**Acts 13:6,**

**And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:**



## VI. THE SEEKING SINNER

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**Acts 13:7,  
Which was with the deputy of the country,  
Sergius Paulus, a prudent man;  
who called for Barnabas and Saul,  
and desired to hear the word of God.**

## VII. THE SERIOUS STRUGGLE

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**Acts 13:8-11,**

**(13:8) But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. (13:9) Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, (13:10) And said, O full of all subtlety and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? (13:11) And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.**

## VIII. THE SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

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**Acts 13:12,  
Then the deputy,  
when he saw what was done,  
believed,  
being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.**

# EVALUATION = WHO DO YOU RESEMBLE?

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1. The Spirit-filled, servant leader in the church?
2. The Surrendered believer, prayed up and willing to go the mission field?
3. The Supportive church member who prays and supports missions?
4. The Spiritually Lost Soul resisting Salvation in Christ?
5. The Seeking Soul who desires now to repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation?

# INVITATION TO BELIEVE IN THE LORD

Dear God,

I believe that I am a sinner and that Jesus died for the payment of my sins.

I believe in my heart that Jesus rose from the grave the third day.

I now call upon you to forgive me of my sins and to come into my heart to be my Savior.

I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.