

The Jews' Loss is the Gentiles' Gain Acts 13:13-52

Mission trip struggles (13)

- John Mark deserts Paul and Barnabas, which was wrong to do, see 15:37-40.
- Paul has some type of physical ailment at this time, Gal. 4:13-15, II Cor. 12:7ff.

Message in the synagogue (14-41)

- This is Paul's most developed message in Acts, and along w/Peter's speeches (ch.2,3) and Stephen's (ch.7) it most clearly details God's promises to Israel.
- Like Stephen, Paul gives a brief overview of Israel's troubled history:
 - Continual blessings in anticipation of Messiah, who came as promised, 16-25.
 - Rejection, crucifixion, resurrection of Messiah as predicted/promised, 26-37.
 - Appeal to believe in Messiah Jesus to avoid judgment that is predicted, 38-41.

Mixed response to Paul's message (42-52)

- Many respond, but jealous Jews stir up trouble, which will be a pattern, see 14:5,19, 17:5, 13, 21:27. Paul and Barnabas are opposed and driven out.
- Paul now turns to the more receptive Gentiles, as he will again (18:6, 28:28), but he still sees the need first to enter synagogues, Rom. 1:16, 2:9ff, 9:3.
- Those who *were appointed, believed for eternal life* (cf. 2:4, 16:14) suggests election, cf. Eph. 1:5. God's sovereignty in Acts: 2:23, 3:18, 4:28, 9:15, 13:2.
- Shook off dust*, also in Matt. 10:14,15. Idea = responsibility to warn is over.
- Filled with the Holy Spirit* here ≠ an instantaneous filling as in 2:4 but the Christian fullness based on obedience, as in 6:3,5, 7:55, 11:24, Eph. 5:18.

Have you recognized what is true treasure versus trash?

Do you realize how you will need to respond to various responses?

