

The Mission Continues
Acts 13:13-52 Emphasis 44-52

I. Intro

- A. The calling and the sending is only a part of the plan
- B. There is also the doing.
- C. The mission continued in the doing.

II. Text

- A. Verses 13-43: Historical recap of Jewish History
- B. Verses 44-47: We are Turning to the Gentiles
 - 1. Right after the "Too light a thing" verse, the prophesy is given for the Gentiles. Isaiah 49:6
 - 2. God can choose on whom he wants to have mercy.
 - 3. Romans 9:18 So then has mercy on whomever He wills, and hardens whomever He wills.
- C. Verse 48: The Gentiles Rejoiced
 - 1. The rejoice and glorify God
 - 2. And as many who were appointed, BELIEVED
 - 3. Belief is still the STEP
 - a) Believe on the Lord and be saved
 - b) Believe in Christ, crucified, buried, and resurrected
 - c) He did this for you and me
 - d) He appointed to us repentance, and we believed
- D. Verses 49-52: Opposition continues, feet dusted, They moved on.

III. Point

- A. Religion does not save, Jesus Saves
 - 1. The most religious of the Jews were still lost in their sin
 - 2. Unbelief cannot overcome the desperation
 - 3. The mission is still in place: point people to Jesus!
 - 4. The mission continues through the challenging times and the times of harvest
 - 5. The Law was never mighty to save, the mission was never legalism
 - 6. Your mission continues today!
 - a) Your mission isn't over when you decide its over
 - b) Your mission isn't over when you are rejected
 - c) Your mission is continuing on, in the world we live in, in the context in which you abide.
- B. Salvation brings GREAT JOY
 - 1. The Gentiles heard salvation was for them, and they responded with Great Joy
 - 2. As many who were appointed eternal life believed:
 - a) This shows God's sovereign will and man's responsibility
 - b) God's appointment, Man's belief
 - 3. Belief brings great JOY!
 - 4. Ive been set free, and if you are in Christ, you have too.
 - 5. Joy comes from Christ, and is powerful!
 - 6. Psalm 30:5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
 - 7. We see the challenges all around, and sometimes they are of our own making, BUT JOY COMES!
- C. Freedom provokes those yet Free
 - 1. Prepare to be offensive,,,you don't have to try real hard
 - a) Please, don't intentionally be offensive
 - b) That would not be honoring to the Lord or the calling He placed on your life
 - 2. When you are set free, you will find those that it angers.
 - a) But don't let it steal your Joy

- b) Set your mind on things above, and let Joy overflow
 - 3. I say "This eyes free" for a reason
 - a) Some of the most bitter Atheists found freedom in Christ
 - (1) Lee Stroble: set out to disprove the claims of Christianity through investigative journalism, and found a reason to believe.
 - (2) CS Lewis: came to belief in Jesus, after years of investment from other believers and authors like JRR Tolken, while driving to the zoo.
 - (3) Alistair McGrath: Prominent Atheist and scientist, but came to faith after years of secular thought.
 - b) All found faith in Christ while trying to disprove it
 - 4. The world does not understand your Joy and Freedom in Christ, but that Joy and Freedom changes the world.
 - 5. Stay the course, no matter the consequences.
- IV. Close