

043 - Paul Filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 13:6-12

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:5

Scripture Reading: Genesis 35:1-12

Sermon: Paul Filled with the Holy Spirit Acts 13:6-12

Benediction: Jude 20-21

Barnabas and Saul have been sent by the Holy Spirit and by the church out to preach the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the nations. We have heard about their first stop, the island of Cyprus. We have heard about their method---preaching the Word of God, the good news of Jesus Christ in the synagogues.

But what about the results? What happened when they preached like this?

We find ourselves waiting eagerly for a report on what happened when Barnabas and Saul preached the gospel. And in our day, we would like to know what the results will be when we preach the gospel. And how do we interpret the results we have seen so far?

I. Barnabas and Saul Went Through the Whole Island (13:6a)

- 170 miles

- there is no record of any converts

- the most memorable work the Lord had for them there was at the end of a 170 mile walk

- APPLICATION: "I've been at this a long time, and I'm not sure I see lots of good results." Well, keep doing as the Lord has commanded you, and keep walking.

II. Barnabas and Saul Encountered a False Prophet (13:6b)

- A. a magus (singular of magi)

 - some used their knowledge to understand that the Messiah was born, and came to worship Him

 - other used their knowledge to get positions of influence and wealth

- B. a false prophet

- C. a ew

- D. named "Bar-Jesus"

- E. APPLICATION: This should be recognized as "condition normal" for Christians spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

 - there will be someone who has gone before you spreading false religion

III. Barnabas and Saul Encountered a Willing Hearer (13:7)

- A. he had the magus with him; that is, he did not find the truth in his pagan system, and he was seeking it in eastern wisdom

- B. he was the Roman proconsul

- C. his name was "Sergius Paulus"

- D. he was an intelligent, prudent

- E. he called for Barnabas and Saul

- F. he sought to hear the word of God

G. APPLICATION: Won't you be a willing hearer of the word of God?

H. APPLICATION: Let us pray that our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ will meet with hearts ready to hear

IV. The False Prophet Opposed the Faith (13:8)

- A. Elymas (Arabic for "the sorcerer")
- B. withstood them (lit. "against stood")
- C. seeking to turn Sergius Paulus against the faith

V. Saul was Filled with the Holy Spirit

- A. here is a great moment in the history of the world!
- B. Saul, who has ministered in relative obscurity for years since his conversion near Damascus, steps to the forefront of all the church's missions work
- C. of Barnabas and Saul, it was Saul who was filled with the Spirit with strength to meet this crisis
- D.

VI. The False Prophet Opposing the Faith was Shown False (13:11)

- A. through Paul's rebuking him
- B. through God's blinding him

VII. The Willing Hearer Believed (13:12)

- A. the miracle convinced him about who was the true prophet
- B. but what astonished him was the teaching of the Lord
 - 1. that God is not pleased with any false worship
 - a. not of false gods through idolatry
 - b. not of Him through idolatry
 - 2. that God is not just accepting of all false religion, but has appointed One to judge the world
 - 3. that this very One who will judge the world has died for sins and risen again
 - 4. that there is forgiveness for the worst idolater through faith in Jesus Christ