Acts of the Apostles

[Return to Antioch (Acts 14:21-28)]

I. The Ministry in Derbe (v. 21a; see also 20:4)

II. The Return to Antioch (vs. 21b-28)

-They strengthened the souls of the disciples (vs. 21b22a; 15:32, 41; 18:23).

-They urged them to continue in the faith (v. 22b; 11:23; 13:43; 15:32).

-They warned them of inevitable persecution (v. 22c; John 15:19, 20; 1 Thess. 3:2-4; 2 Tim. 3:10-12).

-They appointed elders in every church (v. 23).

●There were churches before there were elders.

●There were elders in churches (Acts 20:17, 28).

●There was a plurality of elders in each church (Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 5:17, 18).

-They commended them to the Lord (v. 23; see also 13:3 with v. 26).

-Final leg to Antioch (vs. 24-28)

Practical Lessons

1) Suffering inevitably accompanies the work of the gospel.

2) Satan vigorously opposes the work of the gospel.

3) Due attention must be given to the most important things in the work of the gospel.

4) God gets all the glory in the work of the gospel.