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**INTRODUCTION**

1. Review v29-35: 1] Jesus is res'd enthroned Davidic Kg; 2] on basis of His sac'al death on cross - bore wrath - sin forgiven.

**1st: We Need Courageous Humility as Men Respond to the Gospel**

1. Warning from Hab 1:5 - A13:38-41. Learn from Paul's sermon
  - i. Set Jesus in context of OT Redemptive History [v16-25]
  - ii. Present facts of Jesus as interpreted by Bible [v26-37]
  - iii. Summon all who hear to repent & believe in view of wrath [v38-41]
2. Hearers respond:
  - i. Curious - v42 - interest piqued & open to hear more
  - ii. Convicted/convincing - v43 *followed*: disciples church: perseverance
  - iii. Contradicting - v44-45 publicly confront Paul
3. Spectrum of responses: reception to rejection.
4. Be courageous - v46a *boldly* [not intimidated or reticent] - v45 & v50.
5. Be humble - we have no control over men's responses.
  - i. Speak Biblical truth, logically, target conscience; earnest - 2C 5:20
  - ii. Cannot convince, convict men [Jn 16:8]. Real limitations: *who is sufficient?* Thankful for Bible's realism.

**2nd: God's Sovereignty is Operative in Men's Responses to the Gospel**

1. Be faithful to gospel & confident in God's purposes - A13:34 - Isa 55:6-11

2. A13:48 Jew & Gentile: Redemptive History pivots to NCov - A 1:8.
3. Yet - an ethnic response? v48a non-saving reaction?
  - i. What did they hear? v46-47 - incipient anti-Semitism? If so, it is a misinterp of Paul as Jews misinterp'd [A6:11 & 21:21 - Rm 3:31]
  - ii. v48b - the elect: *as many as - had been appointed*

**3rd: Jesus Sends His Gospel to the Nations**

1. Lk 24:27. v14 *the synagogue* - v44 *the whole city*; v46 turn to Gentiles; v49 *whole region*; v51 *they went to Iconium*.
2. Jewish "nation" is not excluded but is 1st in line to *hear* [v26, 24, 33]. Jewish nation, as all nations, summoned to repentance & faith in Jesus. Issue is not & never was, one's bloodline.
3. NCov religion = eschatological advancement of OT religion & as such, is a different religion: union w/ Jesus, not Moses [Jn 5:46]. NCov religion is for converted sinners the world over. A13:47 who has Lord commanded? Ans: *us* = Paul [apostles]. Conflates Isa 42:6 & 49:6 who is the *you*?
  - i. Isa 42:1-7 Who is *My Servant* [v1]? Isa 49:1-8b who is *Servant* [v3]?
  - ii. *Servant of Lord* = Jesus - prophecy of His death & res - A13:38
4. A13:47 Paul assumes mission of Messiah! [1C14:37b].
5. What has brought this sea-change in flow of redemptive revelation? v30.

**Applic #1: We Must Embrace and Proclaim This Gospel Preached by Paul**

1. Do not settle for superficial impressions of gospel.

**HEARERS RESPOND AS THE GOSPEL GOES FORTH - Acts 13:38-48**

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2. We have a stewardship for God's gospel: *standard of sound words*  
[2T1:13]: *standard* [outline, sketch = structure] & *sound words*: specific context, facts, interpretation & vocabulary defined specifically by Script.
  
3. Let us be faithful to Jesus - to His gospel - to those to whom we speak & be confident in the God of sovereign grace - 2C5:17-6:2