

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ACTS 13 - 14

Text:

Introduction:

1. THE CALLING – THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 13:4

⁴ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Being sent forth by the Holy Ghost was the great thing that encouraged them in this undertaking.

If the Holy Ghost sends them forth, he will go along with them, strengthen them, carry them on in their work, and give them success.

2. THE COMMISSION – THE CHURCH

Acts 13:3

³ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

They (The Church at Antioch) sent them away.

3. THE COMMENCEMENT

Note – No where do we find them on deputation.

Note – No where do we find them working out of or through a mission agency or mission board.

A. They Preached (vs. 5)

1. Preached with power

Acts 13:9

⁹Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

Acts 13:46

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

Note – They didn't pastor a church, they preached and planted churches.

B. The Provocation (vs. 8)

C. The Pronouncement (vs. 10-11)

D. The Perplexity (vs. 12)

4. THE CEDING – JOHN DEPARTS FROM THEM

We are not certain why he left. It may have been because of the conflict, maybe he was homesick, but whatever the reason it didn't set well with Paul and would create further conflict later on between Paul and Barnabas.

5. THE CHRONICLE (ACTS 14:1-28)

After this first missionary journey was complete they returned back to the church that had sent them and reported to them what God had done and the doors that were opened unto the Gentiles.

Note – They never stayed long in one location, they moved from place to place.

Close:

Many today who are involved in modern mission work are not following the pattern that we have seen from the first missionaries and their first missionary journey.