

EVERYONE to EVERYWHERE

Lesson Four • Acts 13:42-52

The Power of the Gospel

How Powerful Is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the power of God for SALVATION to everyone who believes and it can't be stopped despite opposition and persecution.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16 ESV

The Power of the Gospel in Antioch Pisidia

1. When the Gospel Is Proclaimed It IMPACTS a City!

The Gospel's Impact

People want to HEAR more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. Acts 13:42-44

2. When the Gospel Impacts It DIVIDES People!

Two Divisive Responses to the Gospel:

- Response of UNBELIEF: the Jews were filled with jealousy and opposed the Gospel.

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you to be a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 13:45-47

- Response of BELIEF: the Gentiles were filled with joy and glorified the Gospel.

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52

3. When the Gospel Divides It SPREADS Everywhere!

And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. Acts 13:49

4. When the Gospel Spreads It STIRS UP Persecution!

But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. Acts 13:50

5. When the Gospel Stirs Up Persecution It CARRIES ON!

But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. Acts 13:51

The Gospel Still Impacts

The Gospel must first impact US before we will get the Gospel everywhere to impact OTHERS.

Has the Gospel impacted your life?