

THRUST

“GALATIA PART I”
Acts 13:4-52
May 21, 2017

I The Picture of “Success”: the evangelization of Cyprus (4-12)

A. Proclaim the word of God (5)

B. Light vs. Darkness: battle of the prophets (6-12)

II. The Gospel Message (13-42)

A. The Promised Savior King (16-25)

B. The Raising of Jesus (26-37)

1. The essential gospel. 28-31

2. Raising Jesus (32-34)

a. As Son (33) [Ps 2: 7]

b. As eternal King (34) [2Sam 7 Ps 2:6]

c. As victorious Savior: doesn't see corruption (35-37) [Ps 16:10]

C. The Simple Gospel (38-41)

1. Forgiveness Announced (38)

“Forgiveness” means “to send off” – gone forever!

2. Acquittal Provided (39) (Justified)

Forgiveness is announced to all.

“you” is plural in v38

Justification is provided to individuals who believe.

“everyone” is singular in v39

3. Those who scoff and don't believe, perish. (40-41)

The simple gospel: forgiveness and justification comes through Him and by Him.

III. The Pride of Prejudice (42-52)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

“GALATIA PART 2”
Acts 14

Passage Overview:

As the gospel penetrated new regions, it divided people. Jesus had warned His disciples that the gospel creates rifts between those who hear and believe and those who reject (Luke 12:49-53). Paul and Barnabas began to experience this more and more as they continue to travel, sharing the gospel.

These severe divides produced severe opposition. In Iconium, they learned of a plot to stone them so they quickly fled. But as they moved, they continue to preach. In Lystra they were first hailed as gods and then driven out of the city and stoned. Everywhere they went they faced both receptivity and strong opposition.

They encouraged the new believers to remain firm in their faith. But they also wanted them to know that all who enter into the kingdom of God must pass through many trials. Before leaving the churches, they made sure that new elders were in place to lead them. They then committed the young believers to the Lord and returned to report to their sending church in Antioch.

As we read this section of Acts, we are confronted with the fact that those who share the gospel will be mistreated. But we are also reminded that the Lord is in absolute control. He will build His church and He will be with us as we serve Him in His mission of taking the good news to those who haven't heard.

Reading for Next Week: Acts 14