

EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #34
Section Three, “The Foreign Emphasis,” Part One
“Paul is a Pioneer for the Continuation of the Church,” #4
“Paul Exclaims the Christ- The First Missionary Journey,” Part One
“The Commencement of the First Missionary Journey,” #4
“Paul’s Multitudes Present a Challenge,” 13:42-52

INTRODUCTION:

SneakPreview: When it comes to evangelism, God simply asks us to cast and draw the net. It is up to God to put the “fish” in it!

PROPOSITION: Paul’s faces a six-dimensional challenge from the multitudes concerning the message he preached about the resurrection of Jesus.

I. CONSIDER THE PEOPLE’S AFFIRMATION OF THE GOSPEL.
Vss. 42-44.

- A. A Sequel to Paul’s Message Is ***Desired.*** Vs. 42.
- B. A Surrender to Paul’s Message Is ***Demonstrated.*** Vs. 43.
- C. A Speaking of Paul’s Message Is ***Demanded.*** Vs. 44.

LifePoint One: The philosophy of the world, including carnal religiosity, has always left people empty. The Gospel is the only message that “hits us where we live.”

II. CONSIDER THE PHARISEES’ ADVERSITY TO THE GOSPEL. Vs. 45.

- A. Note the ***Reason*** for the Jews’ Jealousy.
- B. Note the ***Revelation*** of the Jews’ Jealousy.
- C. Note the ***Reaction*** of the Jews’ Jealousy.

LifePoint Two: The people who would discredit Christianity can do so only by misrepresenting it. Christianity, when considered with an open mind, can not be refuted.

III. CONSIDER PAUL'S ACCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL. Vss. 46, 47.

A. Paul's Confidence Increases. Vs. 46a.

B. Paul's Challenge Intensifies. Vs. 46b.

C. Paul's Commandment Is Identified. Vs. 47.

LifePoint Three: God has not reserved His message for the self-proclaimed righteous person. The Gospel can only be "heard" by sinners. No repentance, no salvation.

IV. CONSIDER THE PREDESTINED'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOSPEL. Vss. 48, 49.

A. The Elation of the Believing Gentiles Is Described. Vs. 48a.

B. The Election of the Believing Gentiles Is Demonstrated. Vs. 48b.

C. The Effect of the Believing Gentiles Is Delightful. Vs. 49.

LifePoint Four: Be careful to hear the Word of God- God does not choose people because they believe; people believe because He chooses them.

V. CONSIDER THE PERSECUTORS' ATTACK ON THE GOSPEL. Vs. 50.

A. The Prompters of the Attack on the Gospel are Devious.

B. The Participants of the Attack on the Gospel are Diverse.

C. The Persecution and the Attack on the Gospel is Deliberate.

LifePoint Five: Darkness hates the "light." The world has always gone to great lengths to extinguish the light of the Gospel, but the Gospel is still "alive and well."

VI. CONSIDER THE PREACHERS' ADHERENCE TO THE GOSPEL. Vss. 51, 52.

A. The Confidence of Paul and Barnabas Is Maintained. Vs. 51a.

B. The **Commitment** of Paul and Barnabas Is Maintained. Vs. 51b.

C. The **Character** of Paul and Barnabas Is Maintained. Vs. 52.

LifePoint Six: Our happiness has Christians is not based on our acceptance by people, but our acceptance by the Lord.

APPLICATION:

PowerPoint: We are to keep on loving people; we are to keeping on sharing the Gospel. But when people out-right reject our message, we are to keep looking for someone who will listen. It is God Who saves- not us!