

Paul Preaches Acts 13:13-52

Keywords and Phrases*

Believe, believes, believed (vv. 39, 41, 48)
Devout converts (v. 43)
Eternal life (vv. 46, 48)
Judaism (v. 43)
Law of Moses (v. 39)
Sabbath (vv. 14, 27, 42, 44)
Salvation (vv. 26, 47)
Synagogue (vv. 14, 15, 43)
Word of the Lord (v. 44)

*Keywords may vary depending on Bible translation

Critical Thinking Questions

1. What is the predominant theme in Paul's sermon? Given his audience why was it essential that he approach the gospel this way (compare with Stephen's sermon in Acts 7)?
2. In Acts 13:39, what did Paul mean when he said that everyone who believes is freed from everything that the Law of Moses could not free them from (compare Romans 2:13; 3:20; 8:3; Galatians 2:16; 3:11; Hebrews 7:19)?
3. What is the most plausible interpretation of the phrase "urged them to continue in the grace of God" (see Acts 14:43; compare Acts 11:23; Jude 4; 2 Peter 3:18)?
4. What is the significance of Paul and Barnabas shaking the dust from their feet against the city (see Luke 9:5; Acts 13:51)?

Reflection Question

When asked to offer words of encouragement, Paul delivered a sermon in which God was the subject of almost every verb. What has God done in your life that serves as a source of encouragement for you that you can share with others?

Analyzing the Scripture

John Mark

- left Paul and Barnabas (v. 13).

God

- chose our fathers (v. 17).
- made the people great in Egypt (v. 17).
- led them out of Egypt (v. 17).
- put up with them in the wilderness (v. 18).
- destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan (v. 19).
- gave them their land as an inheritance (v. 19).
- gave them judges (v. 20).
- gave them King Saul (v. 21).
- raised up David to be king (v. 22).
- brought Israel a Savior, Jesus (v. 23).
- raised up Jesus from the dead (v. 30).
- fulfilled what was promised to the fathers (vv. 32-33).

Jews

- saw the crowds (v. 45).
- were filled with jealousy (v. 45).
- contradicted Paul's sermon (v. 47).
- stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas (v. 50).
- drove them out of their district (v. 50).

Gentiles

- rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord (v. 48).
- believed (v. 48).

Outcome

- The word of the Lord spread throughout the whole region (v. 49).
- The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit (v. 52).

"Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. "

(Acts 13:38-39 ESV)