

Acts 13 & 14 chapters
"How the Church Encourages
Missionaries & Reach
the World"

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1. Introduction

- a. God calls Barnabas & Saul (Paul) to special ministry to the Gentiles (13:2)
- b. God opened door to Gentiles of faith in God (~~14:27~~) (14:27)
- c. God sent Barnabas & Saul to start new churches
- d. Church founded by Jesus Christ & the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2-4)
 - also called body of Christ
 - also called bride of Christ
- e. Church is the agency to send missionaries to start new churches
- f. What is a church?
 - called out assembly of Christians
- g. Three principles

2. Through Supplication

- a. Prayer
 - church at Antioch ministered to the Lord
 - they fasted & prayed
- b. Fasting
 - refraining from eating to concentrate on praying to God
 - Ps 35:13, Dan 9:3, 1 Cor 7:5

3. Through Sacrifice

- a. God calls people to ministry
 - Christian brothers
 - Saul & Barnabas called to ministry

- 3b. Church gave their resources
- they sent Barnabus & Saul
 - example: church at Phillipi
 - * Philp 4:16-19
 - * 2 Cor 8:1-4 churches of Macedonia
- c. Barnabus & Saul return to Antioch
- report card
 - * told Christians everything
 - * told of God opening door to Gentiles (also see Acts 11:1, 18; 15:7)
4. Through Steadfastness
- a. Church assembled together in Antioch
- Acts 11:25-26
 - * Barnabus brings Saul to Antioch
 - * They were in church for 1 year
 - * ~~Christians first~~ Disciples first called Christians in Antioch
 - Acts 11:19-21 Jewish Christians reached out to Gentile Hellenists
 - * first multicultural church
- b. To report the results
- Saul & Barnabus rehearsed their speech to the church in Antioch
 - they gave their report
- c. Gal 6:9 not be weary in well doing
- d. What is steadfastness?
- to continue doing good.
 - no quitting - not faint hearted
 - regular doing well