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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 22

SUNDAY AM: 54 SUNDAY PM: 13

WEDNESDAY: 13

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Welcome to the
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Sermon

***Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord’s Church
Part 23***

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

..... *Preaching Through Acts – The Temple of the Lord's Church – Part 23*

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

-In 41 A.D., Paul and Barnabas are on their first missionary journey, having been set apart by the Holy Spirit from other prophets and teachers to go into other lands and spread the gospel, showing that not everyone has the same gifts and callings. They preached the gospel to the Jews and Gentiles of Pisidian Antioch, and have been run out of that city, then turn southeast to three nearby cities of Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. In Lystra, Paul healed a crippled man and now people are trying to sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas as gods

Chapter 14 Verses 14-17

Rom. 1:20 & Jam. 1:17 & Matt. 5:43-45 & Jer. 31:3 & John 14:15 & 1 John 4:19 (God has drawn everyone in the world to Him and to know Him because everyone should look around and realize this universe did not make itself. It had to have a Creator, which should lead them to understand that every good thing they have ever received is from that Creator and seek Him out to serve Him and love Him back Who first loved them.)

Verses 18-19

John 10:30-38 & Matt. 27:20-23 (It is amazing how the crowd can go from believing these men are gods in the flesh, seeing miracles from their hands, and when they do not get to worship and follow them how they want, they can be convinced to stone them when all they did was help someone, just like Jesus.)

Verses 20-22

John 15:18-20 & 1 Pet 4:17-19, 1:6-9 & Acts 4:29-31 & 1 Cor. 10:13 (Christians should expect to face trials because of their faith. If the world would crucify Christ for doing nothing but blessing and helping others, and stone Paul for healing a crippled man, it will do the same to those who come after them. We cannot fear what is done to us, but know it is all a benefit to us and we need to overcome those trials to prove our faith. We should ask for boldness and healing like the apostles did so we can always prove our faith as long as God lets us, knowing God will not allow us to be tested beyond what we are able.)

Verse 23

Titus 1:5-9 (Elders need to be appointed in every congregation, *even brand new ones full of only new Christians!* That is the pattern of the Lord's Church - to be led by a plurality of men who fit the criteria to do so. If there are at least two men that do, then the evangelist is to appoint them as elders to lead the congregation, it is not a vote. The men may not accept the appointment, as they cannot be forced into serving, but we will all answer for how we either did or did not fulfill the work God called us to do and gave us the opportunity to do.)

Verses 24-28

Gal. 1:18 & Acts 9:23-26, 43 (The similar phrasing here makes us think this was another multi-year period, likely 45-48 A.D.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

..... SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- ▶ **There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.**
- ▶ **Our next potluck is planned following morning worship on Sunday, December 7th – please join us! (No potluck is scheduled for January.)**
- ▶ **The diaper pantry is in need of sizes 4 and 5 – please help us restock, if you're able. See Cassandra if you need more information.**
- ▶ **Ladies' devotional and cookie exchange is scheduled in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 13th at 10 a.m. – see Heather for all the details!!**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

Chapter 15 Verse 1

Matt. 5:17-18 & Col. 2:13-14 (Jewish Christians who were trying to get Gentiles to obey the Law of Moses after being baptized were called "Judaizers." But the Law of Moses (Judaism) was already taken away, having been fulfilled perfectly in the life of Jesus for the first, last, and only time in history, and was removed.)

Verses 2-5

Gal. 2:1-5 (Paul notes in Galatians that these were "false" brethren, Jews who snuck into the Church to try and force Gentile Christians to obey the Law of Moses to limit the freedom Christians have in Christ. He also notes this was 14 years after he met with Peter in 34 A.D., placing this in 48 A.D. Also, Paul was sent down by a vision he received, not by a vote of the brethren, since the Church is not a democracy - it is a Monarchy.)

Verse 6

John 12:48 & Titus 3:10-11 (On matters of doctrine there is no "agreeing to disagree." There is only the One Truth of God's Word, and the one standard by which all lives will be judged. The Church MUST teach the Word correctly, and cannot allow for people to spread differing interpretations of what doctrine is, this is harmful for everyone because those who teach falsely will condemn themselves and anyone who listens to them. Brethren can disagree on matters of **opinion**, as we will see with Paul and Barnabas in 15:36-40, but getting doctrine wrong is a matter of life and death.)

PRAY FOR



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Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)
Gary Bates (recovering from back surgery)
Barbara Parsons (recovering from hip surgery)
Jim Vogel (recovering from wrist/hand surgery)
Adrian Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson