PREACHING THE GOSPEL THERE
Acts 14:1-7

Introduction:

A. There is a great truth emerging from this study of the book of Acts
   1) The early church preached the word of God
   2) We see this continually

B. This seemed to be their passion
   1) We function best when we put the preaching and teaching of God's word first
   2) We are busy with other things!

C. Wherever the early Christians went, they "preached the gospel there" Vs. 7
   1) What is the gospel? 13:27-32
   2) There are other truths that we must teach as these men did
      Matthew 28:18-20 - Acts 11:26

I. They Preached the Gospel in Synagogues 1-2

   A. The work of men sent Vs. 1
      1) "they went both together into the synagogue"
      2) "a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed"

   B. It created two kinds of people 1b & 2a
      1) Not Jews and Greeks!
      2) Believers and unbelievers
      3) This always happens
      4) It is happening now!

II. They Preached the Gospel Fervently Vs. 3

   A. They preached a long time
      1) "long time" = ikanon = "sufficient" + chronon
      2) They "abode" there = diatrito = "to wear through by rubbing", "to wear away", they made a place for themselves
B. They preached boldly
   1) He (God) gave approval, "testimony"
   2) Signs and wonders were done

III. Preaching the Gospel Caused Division Vs. 4

A. "But the multitude of the city was divided"
   1) Part held with the Jews
   2) Part held with the Disciples
   3) "divided" = schizo = "to split", "rend", "cleave as wood", "separate with violence" Not a typical modern day religious crusade.

B. Jesus had spoken of this
   2) Matthew 10:34-36

IV. Preaching the Gospel Brought Persecution Vs. 5

A. Unbelievers led an assault against them
   1) "assault" = horme = "any violent pressure", "an attack", "the first shock", "onset, as in war"
   2) "despitefully" = hubrizo = "to use wanton insult", "to act with insolence"

B. They fled their persecutors Vs. 6
   1) This was usually the case
   2) It is true in church history

V. "And there they preached the gospel" Vs. 7

A. This is why they "fled"
   1) "fled" = katapheugo = "to flee down to any place", "to flee for refuge"
   2) They did not court death, they sought service to God!
B. They preached the gospel there!
   1) They preached the gospel in Jerusalem!
   2) They preached it in the Temple!
   3) They preached it in Judea!
   4) They preached it in Samaria!
   5) They preached it in the Desert!
   6) They preached it in Azotus!
   7) They preached it in Caesarea!
   8) They preached it in Damascus!
   9) They preached it in Joppa!
  10) They preached it in Phenice!
  11) They preached it in Antioch!
  12) They preached it in Cyprus!
  13) They preached it in Saleucia!
  14) They preached it in Paphos!
  15) They preached it in Paphos!
  16) They preached it in Perga!
  17) They preached it in Antioch of Psidia!
  18) They preached it in Iconium!
  19) They preached it in Lystra!
  20) They preached it in Derbe!
  21) They preached it in Lycaonia!
  22) They preached the gospel "there"!

C. "There" is where we must preach!
   1) There in that home!
   2) There in that state!
   3) There in that County!
   4) There in that city!
   5) There in that country!
D. Why preach the gospel there?

1) It is the place of God's provision
   a. Elijah - I Kings 17:4 - "And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there."

   This was at the brook Kedrith!

2) It is the place of God's command
   a. Matthew 28:18-20

3) It is the place of God's power
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