

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
 - 3) 11:19,20; 12:24; 13:44,49; 14:7

- 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 = diatribo = "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

- 1) Luke 12:51-53
- 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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