

**Part 12 – June 28, 2009**

**"The First Missionary Journey Begins"**

**Acts 12:25-13:41**

Beginning with **Acts 12:25**, Luke turns his attention to the ministry of the Holy Spirit through Paul, which includes his three missionary journeys [**13-14; 15:36-18:22; 18:23-21:14**] and his arrest and imprisonment [**21:14-28:31**].

**The Holy Spirit is the Leader and Minister of the church (12:25-13:3)**

**Philippians 2:13**

The Antioch church was characterized by four essential elements:

1. Holy Spirit gifted and anointed leaders (**v. 1**)  
**Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**
2. Holy Spirit led worship, prayer, and fasting (**v. 2**)  
**John 4:23-24**
3. Holy Spirit decision to appoint and send out the messengers (**v. 2**)  
**Romans 8:27**
4. Holy Spirit led obedience (**v. 3**)  
**Romans 8:14**

The Spirit chooses His servants: **Acts 9:15; 13:2**

Set Apart: **Galatians 1:15; Romans 1:1**

The Holy Spirit was deputizing Barnabas and Saul to represent the Lord Jesus in words and deeds to the nations. They were to bear the Lord's Name and Message as God's apostles.

**2 Timothy 4:8**

### **The Journey Begins (13:4-12)**

v. 4-5 – To the Jew first

v. 6-8 – Opposition

v.9-12 – Overcoming opposition

### **The Message of Life Requested (13:13-15)**

### **The Word of Life Proclaimed (13:16-41)**

v. 16-22 – Promised Grace

Paul used the Scriptures to trace the history of God's grace to Israel as his means and authority to proclaim and prove that Jesus is God's promised Messiah:

1. God's grace in choosing and delivering them (**v.17**)
2. God's grace to them in the wilderness (**v. 18**)
3. God's grace in giving them the Promised Land (**v. 19**)
4. God's grace in giving them leaders (**v. 20-21**)
5. God's grace in David (**v. 22**) – **1 Sam. 13:14; Ps. 89:20; 2 Chron 6:8**

#### **v. 23-39 – Arrived Grace**

Jesus comes from the family of David as Promised: **Ps. 132:11; Jer. 23:5; Matt. 1:1-17; Luke 1:32; 3:23-38; Rom. 1:3**

Jesus is the Promised Seed or Descendent: **Gen. 3:16; 22:18**

**Therefore**, Jesus is Israel's only True Savior given by God to build the House of God (**1 Peter 2:5**) and establish God's everlasting Kingdom as promised through David (**2 Sam. 7:12-17**)

Paul shares the heart and most essential truth of the Gospel that has come to them (**v. 26**) – the Person and work of Christ (**1 Cor. 15:1-4**)

#### **1. Jesus' death (v. 27-28)**

**Prov. 4:5-7; Rom. 1:31; Eph. 4:18; 2 Cor. 3:14-15; 4:4; 1 Cor. 2:8**

#### **2. Jesus' burial (v. 29)**

#### **3. Jesus' resurrection (v. 30-39)**

**v. 30- The Victory:** *But God raised Jesus from the dead*

In Jesus' resurrection, everything of the fall is reversed:

- ❖ God has a Man Who has defeated death (**1 Cor. 15:55-57**)
- ❖ God has a Man after His own heart (**John 2:17**)
- ❖ God has a Man according to His Image (**Gen. 1:26; Heb. 1:3**)
- ❖ God has a Man Who will build His House (**1 Peter 2:5**)
- ❖ God has a Man Who is declared to be the Son of God (**Rom. 1:4**)
- ❖ God has a Man Who is the first of a New Humanity (**2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:6**)

Therefore, in Jesus' resurrection we who are in Him will see God's Face (**Rev. 22:4**)

**v. 31 - The Proof: 1 Cor. 15:5-8**

**v. 32-37 - The Fulfillment: Ps. 2:7; Is. 55:3; Ps. 16:10**

**v. 38-39 – The Result**

Forgiveness of all sin (**1 John 1:7; Col. 2:13**)

We are free from the penalty and guilt of the Law now having the Law written on our hearts (**Ex. 36:26-27; 2 Cor. 3:3-2; Rom. 5:1; Gal. 2:16**)

**Exhorted Grace (13:40-41)**

**Hab. 1:5; Luke 8:18; Heb. 2:1-3**