

Acts 13 vs 1 to 13 On Mission With The Holy Spirit April 26 2009

Intro: Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1. Beyond the Ordinary; Hearing the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

- **In the church**
- **Prophets and Teachers**
- **While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting**
- **Then after fasting and praying.**

2. Beyond the Obvious, Being Sent Out by the Holy Spirit

Acts 13:3-5 (ESV)

³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.

Acts 13:13 (ESV)

¹³ Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,

(John Mark, right person, right call, but was it the right time? Not listed as what the Holy spirit said or who the church commissioned.)

- **The Call Test** – (has the Holy Spirit Called Me To This Task?)
- **The Church Test** – (has my church confirmed this call?)
- **The Companion Test** – (has God raised up one or more partners in ministry)
- **The Connection Test** – (am I seeing people connected to Christ and/or growing in Christ?)

Acts 13:12 (ESV)

¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

3. Beyond the Opposition, being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:6-12 (ESV)

⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus.

⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.

¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

- **A treacherous critic:** (magician, Bar-Jesus, with proconsul, opposed them, seek to turn away from the faith, 10- son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, making crooked the straight paths of the Lord)
- **A tremendous confidence:** (being filled with the Holy Spirit) (The proconsul, 7 Sergius Paulus, intelligent, sought to hear the word of God, 12 – believed, astonished at the teaching of the Lord)

Matthew 5:10-14 (ESV)

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Luke 11:13 (ESV)

¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Invitation: Beyond the ordinary, the obvious, and the opposition – The Holy Spirit is at work, and wants to work with you!