



“To the End of the Earth”

Acts 13:42-52

Acts: The Unstoppable Gospel

Intro:

- (Acts 13:1-12) Paul, Barnabas, & John Mark get sent out from the church in Syrian Antioch.
- (Acts 13:13-41) Paul preached the gospel in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch.
- Today in Acts 13:42-52 we’re going to see how the people responded to Paul’s sermon.

So today we’re going to look at three responses you can expect when you’re sharing the gospel

1. People will turn to works, but you urge them to continue in grace (vv. 42-43)

Acts 13:42-43 – “As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath. ⁴³Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.”

Acts 13:38-41 – “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. ⁴⁰Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you: ⁴¹‘BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH; FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.’”

1 John 1:6-7 – “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

2. People will get jealous, but you stay obedient to your call (vv. 44-48)

Acts 13:44-45 – “The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.”

Acts 13:44 – “The whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.”

Acts 13:46 – “Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first.’”

Acts 13:48 – “When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord.”

Acts 13:49 – “And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.”

Acts 13:46-47 – “Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, ‘It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’”

Acts 13:48 – “When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.”

3. People will persecute you, but you stay joyful and filled with the Spirit (vv. 49-52)

Acts 13:49-50 – “And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.”

Acts 13:51-52 – “But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

Conclusion:

So, if you are in Jesus Christ you can be filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. The crowds were enthusiastic about the message. How can you discern if your enthusiasm for a ministry, speaker, or church is based on genuine desire for God’s truth, or just a passing trend or emotional high?
2. Paul and Barnabas urged the new believers to “continue in the grace of God.” What practical habits help you stay rooted in God’s grace rather than falling into legalism or complacency?
3. How can you guard yourself from being jealous when you see other ministries succeeding?
4. Paul and Barnabas didn’t let opposition stop them. They went on sharing. When you face rejection for your faith, do you shrink back, or does it energize you to keep sharing?
5. Verse 48 says “all who were appointed for eternal life believed.” How does knowing God is in control of salvation take the pressure off your shoulders when you share your faith?
6. The disciples were persecuted and kicked out, yet they were filled with joy. How can you cultivate a Holy Spirit-filled joy when trials hit?