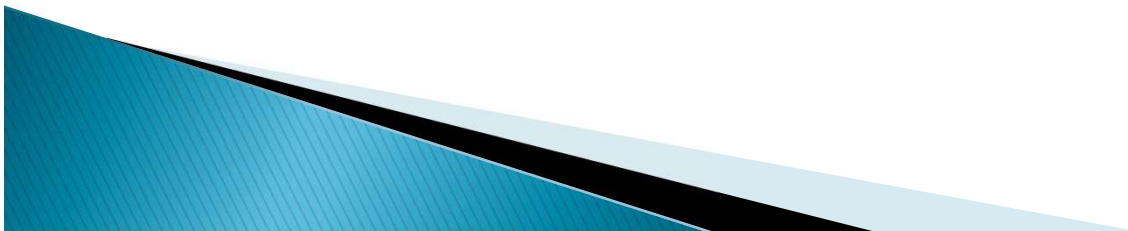


Chapter 13

- ▶ 13:1–4
 - Barnabas and Saul and John Mark sent from Antioch
- ▶ 13:4–12
 - Preaching in Cyprus
- ▶ 13:13–52
 - Preaching in Antioch of Pisidia





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Acts 13 & 14

City

One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3

Paul's Route →

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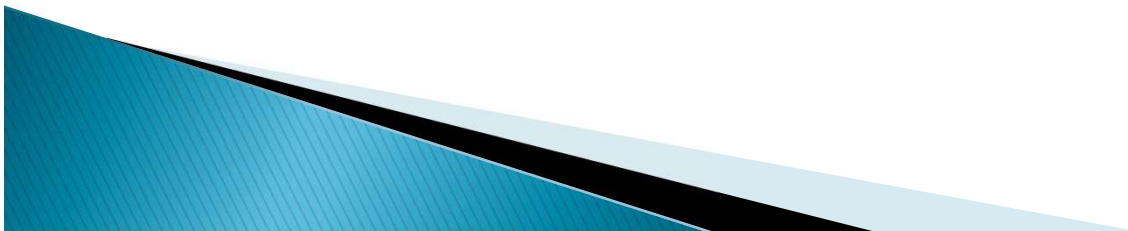
Preaching in Cyprus

- ▶ Salamis
 - Synagogues
- ▶ Paphos
 - Sergius Paulus
 - Proconsul
 - Cyprus a Senatorial province; official appointed by the Roman Senate
 - Elymas who is Bar-Jesus = “the Expert”
 - Sorcerer – Magician – Trickster
 - False Prophet
 - Two different attitudes
 - Sergius Paulus – sought to hear the word of God
 - Elymas – sought to turn the proconsul away from the faith



Strong Words for Elymas

- ▶ Full of all deceit and fraud
- ▶ Son of the devil (Jn 8:44)
- ▶ Enemy of all righteousness
- ▶ Perverting the straight ways of the Lord
 - “making the right ways of the Lord crooked or perverted”
 - Isaiah 5:20



- ▶ Saul – his Jewish name
- ▶ Paul – his Roman name
- ▶ Did not change his name here
- ▶ First recorded miracle of Paul
 - Blinding a man, not healing a man of blindness
 - Purpose?
 - The same
 - Mark 16:20
 - Hebrews 2:1–4
 - Does anyone claim a miracle like this today?
- ▶ Proconsul “believed”
 - What does this mean in Luke’s terminology?
 - Acts 4:4
 - Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 1:14
 - Context!
 - John 12:42
 - John 3:16



To Asia Minor

- ▶ 150 miles from Paphos to Perga
- ▶ Perga
 - 12 miles inland from Attalia, up the river Kestros
 - John Mark returned to Jerusalem
- ▶ Inland to Antioch of Pisidia
 - About 110 miles from Perga
 - Part of the district of Galatia
 - Across the Taurus Mountains by way of a Roman road – Via Sebaste
- ▶ Antioch
 - Dates back to the days of Alexander the Great
 - Synagogue on Sabbath day
 - Paul's sermon



Paul's Sermon in Antioch

- ▶ Audience:
 - Jews and some Gentiles – verse 16, 26 (c.f. Acts 14:1; 17:4, 17)
- ▶ Theme:
 - Jesus is the Messiah and the fulfillment of the promises made to the fathers
- ▶ Outline
 - God is the God of the people of Israel
 - God chose the fathers
 - God redeemed His people from Egypt and put up with them in the wilderness
 - God gave them the land of Canaan
 - God gave them judges and kings
 - God raised up for Israel a Savior – Jesus
 - John the baptist testified of Him
 - Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophets
 - His crucifixion is the fulfillment of prophecy
 - His resurrection was the fulfillment of prophecy
 - Through the resurrected Jesus is preached forgiveness of sins
 - Compare to Acts 2:38, 3:19
 - A call to believe and a warning



Justification

- ▶ “and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses”
- ▶ To be justified = to be declared not guilty
- ▶ Justification by the Law of Moses?
 - No
- ▶ Remission of sins by the Law of Moses?
 - No
 - Hebrews 10:4
 - Hebrews 10:1–2
 - Hebrews 9:15



Accept or Reject?

- ▶ Gentiles begged for more preaching the next Sabbath
- ▶ Next Sabbath – almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God
- ▶ The Jews filled with envy
 - Contradicting and blaspheming
 - Opposing the things spoken by Paul
 - Paul's and Barnabas' response?
 - “Grew bold”
- ▶ The Jews had judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life

