

Part IV: Paul's Full Gospel Teaching

"A Two-Edged Gospel:

**One of Contradiction, Judgement, Opposition, Persecution, & Rejection,
Or One of Faith, Grace, Gladness, Joy, & Fulfillment!"**

Acts 13:42-52

"So, when the *Jews* went out of the Synagogue, the *Gentiles* begged that these *Words (Gospel)* might be preached to them the next *Sabbath*. Now when the *Congregation* had broken up, many of the *Jews* and *Devout Proselytes (Gentile Converts)* followed *Paul* and *Barnabas*, *Who*, speaking to *Them (New Converts)*, persuaded *Them (New Disciples)* to continue in the Grace of God. On the next *Sabbath*, almost the whole city came together to Hear the Word of God (Full Gospel of Good News). But when the *Jews (Religious & Secular Authorities)* saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, They opposed the Things (Truths of the Gospel) Spoken by Paul. Then *Paul* and *Barnabas* grew bold and Said (Rhema): It was necessary that the *Word of God (Gospel)* should be Spoken to you first; but since you reject It (God's Word), and judge yourselves unworthy of Everlasting Life, behold, *We (Paul & Barnabas)* turn to the Gentiles. For so the *Lord* has commanded Us: '*I (God)* have set *You (My Son)* [*& And All Of My True Followers*] as a *Light to the Gentiles*, that *You (My Son)* [*& And All Of My True Followers*] should be for Salvation to the ends of the earth.' Now when the *Gentiles* heard *This (God's Word)*, They were Glad and Glorified the Word of the Lord (Gospel of Good News). And as many as had been appointed to *Eternal Life* believed. And the *Word of the Lord* was being spread throughout all the region. But the *Jews (Religious Authorities of the Regional Synagogue)* stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But *They (Paul & Barnabas)* shook off the dust from their feet against Them (Jewish Religious Authorities), and came to *Iconium*. And the *Disciples* were filled with Joy and with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 13:42-54 (NKJV)

Q1

**"What Is The Outcome When The True Followers Of God
Testify & Witness To The Full Gospel Message of the Good News To Others?"**

A1

Some People Become Curious About God & Eternity!

"So, when the *Jews* went out of the Synagogue, the *Gentiles* begged that these *Words (Gospel)* might be preached to them the next *Sabbath*." **Acts 13:42**

A2

Some People Become Convicted & Make Decisions of Faith For Jesus Christ

"Now when the *Congregation* had broken up, many of the *Jews* and *Devout Proselytes (Gentile Converts)* followed *Paul* and *Barnabas*, *Who*, speaking to *Them (New Converts)*, persuaded *Them (New Disciples)* to continue in the Grace of God." **Acts 13:43**

A3

New Believers Immediately Begin To Testify & Witness To The Gospel That Has Set Them Free
"On the next *Sabbath*, almost the whole city came together to Hear the Word of God (Full Gospel of Good News)." **Acts 13:44**

A4

Believers Begin To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit & With The Joy Of Their Salvation

"And the *Disciples* were filled with Joy and with the Holy Spirit." **Acts 13:52**

A5

Non-Believers Immediately Begin To Persecute God’s People & Bring Action Against The Gospel

“But when the **Jews (Religious & Secular Authorities)** saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, **They opposed the Things (Truths of the Gospel) Spoken by Paul.**” Acts 13:45

Q2

“What Is The Response God Desires Of His True Followers When They Are Personally Prosecuted or Threatened?”

Q3

“What Is The Response God Desires Of His True Followers When The Gospel Message Is Debated, Defamed, Distorted, Silenced, Or Threatened?”

A1

True Believers/Followers Of Jesus Christ Are To Be Bold In His Spirit & Speak Up For The Gospel

They Are Always Ready To Follow Through With A 4-Fold Plan:

1) Presentation, 2) Decision, 3) Judgement, & 4) Movement

“Then **Paul and Barnabas grew bold** and **Said (Rhema)**: It was necessary that the **Word of God (Gospel)** should be Spoken to you first;¹ but since you reject ² **It (God’s Word)**, and judge yourselves unworthy ³ of **Everlasting Life**, behold, **We (Paul & Barnabas) turn to** ⁴ **the Gentiles.**” Acts 13:46

A2

True Believers/Followers Of Jesus Christ Are To Carry Out Their Lord’s Commands To Be Light & Salvation By Sharing The Good News Of The Light of the World, Who Alone Is This World’s Only Salvation

“For so the **Lord** has commanded **Us: ‘I (God) have set You (My Son) [& And All Of My True Followers] as a Light to the Gentiles, that You (My Son) [& And All Of My True Followers] should be for Salvation to the ends of the earth.’**” Acts 13:47

RECALL Question Q1

“What Is The Outcome When The True Followers Of God Testify & Witness To The Full Gospel Message of the Good News To Others?”

A1: Some People Become Curious About The Things Of God & Eternity!

A2: Some People Become Convicted & Make Decisions of Faith For Jesus Christ

A3: New Believers Immediately Begin To Testify & Witness To The Gospel That Has Set Them Free

“Now when the **Gentiles** heard **This (God’s Word)**, **They were Glad and Glorified the Word of the Lord (Gospel of Good News)**. ^{A1} And as many as had been appointed to Eternal Life believed. ^{A2} And the Word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.” ^{A3} Acts 13:48-49

A4: Believers Begin To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit & With The Joy Of Their Salvation

“And the **Disciples were filled with Joy and with the Holy Spirit.**” Acts 13:52

A5: Non-Believers Immediately Begin To Persecute God’s People & Bring Action Against The Gospel

“But the **Jews (Religious Authorities of the Regional Synagogue)** stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.” Acts 13:50

Godly Actions To Persecution & Rejection

True Believers & Followers of Jesus Christ Obediently Carry Out: 3) Judgement & 4) Movement

“But **They (Paul & Barnabas) shook off the dust from their feet against Them (Jewish Religious Authorities)**, and came to **Iconium.**” Acts 13:51

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RECALL

Jesus' Instructs His Followers About Persecution

These Twelve Jesus Sent Out and Commanded Them, Saying: “Do not go into the Way of the Gentiles (at first), and do not enter a City of the Samaritans (at first). But go rather to the “Lost Sheep of the House of Israel. And as you Go, Preach, Saying (Rhema), ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give! Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food. Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your Words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the Land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that City (People)!” Matthew 10:5-15 (NKJV)

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Jesus' Warning To His Followers On Testifying & Witnessing

Jesus Warned His Followers, “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My Sake, as a Testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of Your Father Who speaks in you. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My Name's Sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the Cities of Israel before the Son of Man Comes (Again). A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the Master of the House Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of His Household!” Matthew 10:16-25 (NKJV)

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Jesus' Admonition To Be Obedient & Fear Not

Jesus Admonishes His Followers, “Therefore, do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I Tell you in the dark, Speak in the light; and what you Hear in the ear, Preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's Will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore, Whoever Confesses Me before men, Him I will also Confess before My Father Who is in Heaven. But Whoever Denies Me before men, Him I will also Deny before My Father Who is in Heaven!” Matthew 10:26-33 (NKJV)

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Jesus' Defines His Mission & Our Mission

Jesus Instructs His Followers, “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘Set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; & ‘A man's enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me.”...

... *“And he who loves son or daughter more than **Me** is not worthy of **Me**. And he who does not take his cross and follow after **Me** is not worthy of **Me**. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for **My Sake** will find it.”* **Matthew 10:34-39 (NKJV)**

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Jesus' Promises Concerning Rewards On Earth & In Heaven

Jesus Reminds His Followers, *“He who receives **you** receives **Me**, and he who receives **Me** receives **Him Who Sent Me**. He who receives a Prophet in the Name of a Prophet shall receive a Prophet's Reward. And he who receives a Righteous Man in the Name of a Righteous Man shall receive a Righteous Man's Reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the Name of a Disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by No Means Lose His Reward!”* **Matthew 10:40-42 (NKJV)**

*“Let Us Be God Our Fathers' Faithful Believers,
Testify & Witness To His Goodness & Blessing.
And Let Us As Obedient Followers Of Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Preach & Teach The Good News Of His Gospel!”*
*“Let Us As His Abiding Servants In His Holy Spirit,
Pray For True Infilling Of His Fullness.
And Let Us Also Pray For Healing & Power
In Signs & Wonders In The Heavens Above & On The Earth Below!”*
*“Let Us Be Found Faithful & True
During The Trials & Tribulations That Are Soon Coming.
And Let Us Continue To Bring In A Great Harvest of Souls,
Until The Day Of The Lord's Triumphant Return For Us!”*