

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHINGS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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PART 5B: DEPENDING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

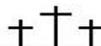
A SETBACK

- They left Cyprus on a ship and came to Perga, a seaport on the southern coast of what is today Turkey. Luke records that John Mark left them and went back to Jerusalem. **Acts 13:13**
- The departure of John Mark was not under good terms, details of this account can be found in **Acts 15:36-41**.
- Barnabas and Paul refused to let the Devil take away their joy and continued on in their Gospel journey. **verse 14**

Have you learned not to give up your joy?

PREACHING TO THE JEWS AGAIN

- When Barnabas and Paul traveled north into what is modern day Turkey, they came to a city called Antioch (This is not the same city found in Lebanon). Even though both apostles knew that the Jewish leadership in the entire Roman Empire was against Jesus and his followers, they still began to dutifully preach in the synagogue. **verses 15**
- Let's read the sermon that Paul preached in this synagogue. It is important to note that Paul didn't sugarcoat his message to his fellow Jews, they confronted head-on. **verses 16-41**
- There were two kinds of people in the synagogue that day, Jews and Proselytes (Gentiles who had converted to the Jewish faith). Some of the Jews went home after the sermon but the Gentiles wanted to hear more of the Gospel. **verse 42-43**
- On his first day of preaching in this city, a number of Jews and Gentiles got saved and the power of the Holy Spirit fell over the population in the city.
- The Devil and Jewish leaders have never been happy when people are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. That was true some 1,940 years ago and still is today. **verses 44-45**
- Barnabas and Paul did not lose their joy; instead, they got bolder and made some strong statements. **verses 46-49**
- The Devil is a master in stirring up trouble through lying and deception. All the he can offer is destruction and death. **verse 50**
- Did Barnabas and Paul lose their joy? No, they just kept going! **verse 51**



- The end result was that new converts were filled with joy and the Holy Ghost!
verse 52

Are you filled with joy and the Holy Ghost?

LIFE WAS NOT SWEET FOR BARNABAS AND PAUL

- After having been abandoned by John Mark and driven out from Antioch, Barnabas and Paul came to the city of Iconium. Instead of bypassing the Jews, they went straight to the synagogue. **Acts 14:1**
- The Jewish leadership stirred up trouble and the apostles had to flee again.
verses 2-6
- Instead of being downtrodden, they moved in the Holy Spirit, and God performed a miracle that Jewish leaders could not overcome. **verses 7-10**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS?

- The Devil and his fallen angels are always going to resist the Christian and try to discredit and discourage him, steal his joy and finances, and generally wreak havoc in his life in order to stop the Gospel from being preached.
- Jesus knew what was coming for his followers. **Matthew 10:16-39**

Are you able to stand and take the heat?

Do you have an ear to hear with?