TODAY'S LESSON

BARNABAS (part 3)

(Acts 13:1-3)
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BARNABAS: SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT Part 3

ACTS 13-14

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Acts 13:1-3

1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Barnabas & Saul

Inspired teachers v.1

Devoted disciples v.2a,3

Holy Spirit chose Barnabas & Saul v.2b

Preached in synagogues of Cyprus from Salamis to Paphos v.4-6 (with John Mark)

Met a Jewish sorcerer (false prophet) v.6

Proconsul Sergius Paulus asked to hear Barnabas & Saul v.7

Sorcerer opposed them v.8

Saul becomes Paul v.9-10

Saul Becomes Paul

10 O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? 11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

10"You totally rotten liar, son of Satan and enemy of everything that is right! Won't you stop perverting the straight ways of the Lord?" (PJV)

Paul & Barnabas

Paul's sign v.11-12 (see 9:7-19; 22:6-16)

The proconsul's faith

Example of conversion that does not specifically mention baptism (nor does Antioch—but this does not prove that people were saved without obedience to the commandment form of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ)—Rom. 6:17-18; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 6:3-4; Col. 2:12; Acts 19:1-5

Paul and Barnabas – Acts 13:43,46,50

Paul and his party v.13 (parallel to John's decrease and Jesus' increase John 3:30)

Paul v.16

Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas v.43

They persuaded them to continue in the grace of God

Paul was the preacher again v.45

Paul & Barnabas responded to opposition v.46 turned to the Gentiles...many believed

Paul and Barnabas — Acts 13:43,46,50 Paul & Barnabas were persecuted v.50 (that did not stop disciples' joy in salvation) Went together to Iconium 14:1 Apostles 14:4 Jews & Gentiles with their rulers tried to kill them 14:5 They went to Lycoania (Lystra and Derbe) 14:6 Paul healed a man born deformed 14:8-10 Wanted to worship Barnabas & Paul 14:11-13 Barnabas was called Zeus (Jupiter); Paul was called Hermes (Mercury) messenger

Barnabas and Paul — Acts 14:14; 15:12,25 The apostles Barnabas and Paul 14:14-18 stopped them

- The Holy Spirit made Barnabas & Paul apostles in Acts 13:1-3
- Priest of Zeus was leading the attempt to worship Barnabas & Paul
- Barnabas' responsibility to order it not to happen 14:14
- Jews came from Antioch & Iconium to stir up Lystra to stone Paul 14:19 disciples gathered around him; he got up 14:20

Barnabas and Paul – Acts 14:14; 15:12,25 They preached a long time in Derbe 14:20

Returned and strengthened disciples 14:21-23

Encouraged them to endure tribulations to enter the kingdom of God

Fasted and prayed then appointed elders in every church

Returned to Antioch and reported the Lord's work to the church that sent them v.24-28

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