

Acts 13:13-52 – 2026 A GREAT SERMON BY PAUL!

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- **Last Week:** [12:25] *And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. [13:10-12] and said, "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." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. [12] Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.*

ACTS 13:13-52 – Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia

- [13] *Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. [14] But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. [15] And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."*
- **Sermon Introduction – The Old Testament Preparation – God's Initiative of Grace -** [16] *Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: [17] The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. [18] Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. [19] And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. [20] "After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. [21] And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. [22] And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.' [23] From this man's seed (singular), according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus— [24] after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. [25] And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'*
- **Sermon Focus – The death and resurrection of Jesus!** [26] *"Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. [27] For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. [28] And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. [29] Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. [30] But God raised Him from the dead. [31] He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. [32] And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. [33] God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN' (God declaring His Son through the resurrection from the dead, not through His birth) YOU.' (notice all the promises of Jesus in the OT) [34] And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE SURE MERCIES OF DAVID.' [35] Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'YOU WILL NOT*

ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.' [36] *"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; [37] but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.*

- ***Sermon Conclusion*** – Choice between life and death! - [38] *Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; [39] and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified (not only forgiven, but slate wiped clean!) by the law of Moses. [40] Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: [41] ***'BEHOLD, YOU DESPISERS, MARVEL AND PERISH! FOR I WORK A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL BY NO MEANS BELIEVE, THOUGH ONE WERE TO DECLARE IT TO YOU.'*** "*
- ***Sermon Consequences*** – A mixed reaction; belief or unbelief [42] *So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. [43] Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas (order changes), who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. [44] On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. [45] But when the Jews (leaders) saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. [46] Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. [47] For so the Lord has commanded us: ***'I HAVE SET YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD BE FOR SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.'*** " [48] Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. [49] And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. [50] But the Jews 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. [51] But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. [52] (result) And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. (Is that the impact of my life?)*

SUMMARY:

- **Chapter 13** – A marked expansion of the early church growth, now going out from Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria into the ends of the earth! Notice the Holy Spirit, SENDING AND EMPOWERING, sends Barnabas and Saul to the work, to which He has called them. Their first stop is in Cyprus, where resistance to the gospel meets them, but where the demonstration of a seeker, proconsul Sergius Paulus, believes the teaching of the Lord, and believes! Then in Pisidian Antioch, the word was spread throughout all the region!

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE - Philip Bliss (1:53)

*1 Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.*

*Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words,
wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call,
wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]*

*3 Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all,
wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]*