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TITLE:

Life of Paul - Paul's First Missionary Journey (Part 3)

TEXT:

Acts 13:14-52

IN ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

- Paul and Barnabas arrived in Antioch in Pisidia (13:14).
 - The road from Perga to Antioch was one of the most difficult to travel on in Asia Minor.
 - The area was famous for its groups of outlaws. See 2 Cor. 11:26.
 - There was a synagogue in Antioch.
- They went to the synagogue on the Sabbath (13:14).
- After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers invite them to speak. Paul delivers a sermon (13:15-16).
- Paul's Sermon to the Jews in Antioch (13:16-41):
 - God chose the Patriarchs (verse 17).
 - God delivered Israel from Egypt (verse 17).
 - God put up with Israel's wanderings in the wilderness (verse 18).
 - God gave Israel victory over Canaan (verse 19).
 - God raised the Judges (verse 20).
 - God gave Israel a king – King Saul (verse 21).
 - God gave Israel King David (verse 22).
 - God has given Israel its promised Messiah (verses 23-26).
 - Promised by God - verse 23.
 - Proclaimed by John the Baptist - verse 24.
 - Preached to Israel - verse 26.
 - The message planned to present the Gospel (verses 27-37).
 - The death of Christ (verses 27-28).
 - The burial of Christ (verse 29).
 - The resurrection of Christ (verses 30-37).
 - The conclusion of the sermon (verses 38-39).
 - The forgiveness of sin through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - Justification is not by the law of Moses but by faith in Jesus Christ.
 - The warning in the sermon was that certain judgment would follow the rejection of Christ (verses 40-41). He quoted from Isaiah 29:14 and Hab. 1:5.
- Result of Paul's preaching (13:42-43):
 - The Gentiles wanted to hear more (verse 42).
 - Many Jews and Jewish proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas. They persuaded them to continue in the grace of God (verse 43).
 - A proselyte - one who has come over from a Gentile religion to Judaism.
- The next sabbath day, almost the whole city showed up to hear the word of God (13:44).
- Jewish opposition raises its head. They were envious of them. They argued with what Paul was preaching (13:45).
- They turned their attention to the Gentiles (13:46-47).
- Salvation brought great joy to the Gentile believers (13:48-49).
- The Jews persecuted them resulting in them leaving Antioch and going to Iconium (13:50-51).
- The disciples in Antioch were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost (13:52).
 - The church at Antioch was established.
 - This is one of the churches Paul addressed in his epistle to the Galatians.

APPLICATION

- Paul's presentation of the Gospel is so different from the most soul-winning program of our time.