TITLE: "SOVEREIGN SALVATION"

TEXT: ACTS 13:13-52

INTRODUCTION: Nothing happens by accident!

*GOD HAS BEEN IN SOVEREIGN CONTROL OF OUR SALVATION FROM START TO FINISH!

Three Evidences of God's sovereignty in salvation:

I.GOD SOVEREIGNLY PREPARED THE WAY FOR YOUR SALVATION (v. 17-25)

(God worked through a nation, when He prepared for your salvation)

A.GOD HIMSELF PRESERVED ISRAEL,

TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR CHRIST'S COMING (v. 17-22)

B.GOD MADE A PROMISE TO DAVID,

TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR CHRIST'S COMING (v. 22-23)

C.GOD USED THE PREACHING OF JOHN,

TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR CHRIST'S COMING (v. 24-25)

II.GOD SOVEREIGNLY PROVIDED THE WAY FOR YOUR SALVATION (v. 26-37)

(God $\underline{\text{fulfilled His Word}}$ when He provided for your salvation)

A.CHRIST'S CONDEMNATION WAS FULFILLED JUST AS GOD SAID (v. 27-28)

B.CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION WAS FULFILLED JUST AS GOD SAID (v. 28-29)

C.CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WAS FULFILLED JUST AS GOD SAID (v. 30-37)

III.GOD SOVEREIGNLY PLANNED THE WAY FOR YOUR SALVATION (v. 38-43; 47-48)

(God chose a way of forgiveness, when He planned your salvation)

A.GOD PLANNED ONLY ONE WAY TO BE SAVED (v. 38-43)

B.GOD PLANNED FOR YOU SPECIFICALLY TO BE SAVED (v. 47-48)

CONCLUSION:

v. 52 - Our response to the sovereign workings of God should be fullness of \underline{joy} !