



## Reaction and Reception to the Gospel

Acts 14:1-28

- 1) The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere it is preached
  - a) Received by those \_\_\_\_\_ for faith (13:48)
  - b) Believers are to continue in the grace of God (13:43)
- 2) The gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere it is preached
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends (cf. Matt. 10:34-36)
  - b) Ushers in persecution to the faithful
  - c) Even in rejection, the gospel still \_\_\_\_\_ (13:49; 14:3)
- 3) Observation & application
  - a) Success in ministry is measured by faithfulness, not numbers
    - i) We are impressed by loyalty & bravery in the face of danger (cf. 2 Tim. 3:11-12)
    - ii) Bold witnesses to the truth preach louder than 100 sermons
    - iii) Sermons are forgotten, not faithfulness
  - b) There's a time to stay and minister, and a time to go
  - c) You'll be hated in one place, loved in another (cf. John 15:18)
  - d) Satan always active (tempting to exalt the messenger not the message)
  - e) Reflecting on past ministry reminds of how God has grown us