

Acts 13: Testimony of the Church at Antioch**I. The Condition of the Church at Antioch (vv. 1–3)**

- A. Complete in gifts
- B. Made no distinction based on race — Jews and Gentiles served together
- C. Lived completely in the realm of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. The Holy Spirit was in the supreme position and worked freely — freedom to speak and to send people off
 - 2. Everyone was sensitive and responsive to the Holy Spirit

II. Barnabas and Paul Are Sent Off (vv. 2–4)

- A. Did the work the Holy Spirit called them to do — workers do not have work of their own
- B. Fasting and prayer — all in one accord and of one burden
- C. Laying on of hands — united in spirit, moving forward in the principle of the body

III. First Missionary Journey — the Lord's Work Expands Outward (vv. 4–52)

- A. First in Barnabas' hometown (v. 4)
- B. The experience in Paphos — judging a false prophet (vv. 6–12)
 - 1. When we humble ourselves, the Lord is magnified — Saul's name was changed to Paul
 - 2. There was authority in service
- C. Mark's departure — difficulties in the journey (v. 13)
- D. The message in Pisidian Antioch
 - 1. The history of the Jews — the key to the Old Testament (vv. 16–23)
 - a) Israel is God's chosen people
 - b) God's work was focussed on them: chose, prospered, led, cared for, gave an inheritance, gave judges and prophets, appointed kings
 - 2. The testimony of John the Baptist — the key to the New Testament (vv. 24–25)
 - a) preached repentance and baptism — the salvation of the cross
 - b) pointed to Christ — the only one
 - 3. The rejection of the Jews (vv. 26–29)
 - a) did not accept the message of salvation
 - b) condemned Christ to die — did not recognize Christ or understand the words of the prophets
 - c) killed the Lord through Pilate
 - 4. The resurrection of Christ — will not see decay (vv. 30–41)
 - a) the disciples were eyewitnesses
 - b) the proof of the Scriptures — God's promises fulfilled
 - c) justification by faith — the result of the resurrection
 - d) perishing from unbelief
 - 5. Many believed in the Lord (vv. 42–43)
- E. Gospel turned to the Gentiles because of persecution (vv. 44–52)
 - 1. The Jews were jealous and abusive
 - 2. The Jews rejected the word and did not consider themselves worthy of eternal life
 - 3. The Gentiles were blessed — the word of the Lord was spread through that whole region
 - 4. Persecution caused the gospel to be spread even more