

ACTS: PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY

THE BIRTH, DEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

A BIG PICTURE OUTLINE OF ACTS

PART ONE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 1-12)

- I. FINAL KINGDOM PREPARATIONS (1) A.D. 30
- II. THE DAY OF PENTECOST-KINGDOM COME! (2) A.D. 30
- III. THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (2-7) A.D. 30-35?
- IV. PERSECUTION & PROLIFERATION (8-12) A.D. 35-45?

PART TWO: THE EXPANSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH (Chapters 13-28)

- V. PAUL'S FIRST MISSION TRIP (13-14) A.D. 48-49
- VI. THE LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM (15) A.D. 49
- VII. PAUL'S SECOND MISSION TRIP (16:1-18:23a) A.D. 49-52
- VIII. PAUL'S THIRD MISSION TRIP (18:23b-21:16) A.D. 53-57
- IX. PAUL'S DEFENSE IN JERUSALEM (21:17-23:35) A.D. 57
- X. PAUL'S DEFENSE IN CAESAREA (24:1-26:32) A.D. 57-59
- XI. PAUL TAKEN TO ROME, IN CUSTODY (27-28) A.D. 60-62



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FIVE: PAUL'S FIRST MISSION TRIP

SECTION LEAD-IN: By AD 48, the church in Syrian Antioch was poised to become a beachhead for the expansion of Christianity. Its location made it ideal for launching into the regions of modern-day Turkey and points west, into Europe. Its situation was equally favorable—a large, growing Gentile membership spearheaded by two respected leaders, Barnabas and Saul. Once these two had ministered together there for a year, and had returned from their mission of mercy (delivering aid to the needy Christians in Judea), the time was right for the next big step in taking the world for Christ ...

SECTION BREAKDOWN: (See BIG PICTURE Outline)

V. PAUL'S FIRST MISSION TRIP (13-14) A.D. 48-49

A. (13:1-3) Barnabas & Saul CALLED and SENT by the Holy Spirit

B. (13:4-12) Ministry on the island of Cyprus

1) *Preaching in Salamis*

2) *Conversion of SERGIUS PAULUS in Paphos*

C. (13:13-52) Ministry in Pisidian Antioch

1) *John Mark LEAVES THEM (Paul & Barnabas) and goes home*

2) *Paul's sabbath day sermon in Antioch CONVINCES many Jews*

[ANCIENT HISTORY (13:16-22—Abraham to David) → RECENT HISTORY (13:23-31—The Savior, Jesus and His forerunner; D,B,R & appearances) → GOOD NEWS TODAY! (13:32-41—Jesus is alive and saves those who believe! → INITIAL RESPONSES (13:42-43)]

3) *The next sabbath, Jews re_____ and oppose; Gentiles re_____*

D. (14:1-7) Ministry in Iconium

1) *Great _____ from Jews and Greeks*

2) *Great _____ from Jew and Gentile unbelievers*

E. (14:8-20) Ministry in Lystra

1) *A disabled man healed; a plan to WORSHIP Barnabas and Paul!?*

2) *A timely message about the _____ God*

3) *Jews from Antioch and Iconium incite the _____ of Paul, who is then _____!*

F. (14:21-23) Ministry in Derbe, then doubling back

1) *_____ saved in Derbe!*

2) *Paul and Barnabas strengthen the disciples and _____*

G. (14:24-28) The return to Antioch; Paul & Barnabas _____