



SERMON NOTES

Old Ways Won't Open New Doors

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Acts 13:1-4 (NKJV) 1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

In Acts Chapters 1-7, the focus was on the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem with a strong and healthy foundation for the church.

Acts 8-12 speaks of the spreading of the gospel in Judea and Samaria. Here in Chapter 13 the gospel goes viral to the entire Roman Empire and eventually beyond.

THE FAB FIVE OF ANTIOCH

The first Gentile church was founded in Antioch, (Acts 11:20-21), where it is recorded that the disciples of Jesus Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:19-26). It was from Antioch that St. Paul started on his missionary journeys.

1. BARNABAS

He was mentioned first and probably served as the senior pastor of this historic church where the disciples were first called Christians.

2. NIGER

Simeon was called Niger. "Niger" means "black." He was dark skinned. Niger was a distinguished leader.

3. LUCIUS

He was from Cyrene. It was men from Cyprus and Cyrene who first went to Antioch and began to teach the Greeks (Acts 11:20).

4. MANAEN

Manaen is a Greek form of a Hebrew name, so this man was probably a Hellenistic Jew.

5. SAUL

Saul who was a former Pharisee who previously was an enemy and persecutor of the church. He wrote two thirds of the New Testament and needs no lengthy or formal introduction.

PILLARS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

W _____ & P _____
Acts 13:2 (NKJV) As they ministered to the Lord...

D _____ M _____

1. We minister to the Lord!
2. He ministers to us!
3. And we minister to others.

Definition: Ministry is serving others with love!

We have the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the

ministry of reconciliation,

1 Corinthians 16:15 (KJV) 15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

THE H _____ S _____
Acts 13:2 (NKJV) "...The Holy Spirit said..."

The Holy Spirit speaks through His Word, dreams, visions, the gift of prophecy and an audible voice though it is rare. He speaks to our spirits.

Romans 8:16 (NKJV)
16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

S _____ N TO OUR C _____
Acts 13:2 (NKJV) "...Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

LAYING ON OF _____
Mark 10:16 (NKJV) 16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 16:17, 18 (NKJV) 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

1 Timothy 5:22 (NKJV) 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

_____ WAS THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
Acts 13:5 (NKJV) And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

ANOINTED MINISTRY STIRS UP THE _____
Acts 13:6 (NKJV) Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

The Devil poses as an angel of light and his demons as ministers of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJV)
13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Acts 13:7-10 (NKJV)
who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

Elymas the sorcerer

1. Evil he was _____ with. "Full of all subtilty and all mischief" (Acts 13:10).
2. Satan was his _____. "Thou child of the devil" (Acts 13:10).
3. Wickedness he _____. "Enemy of all righteousness" (Acts 13:10).
4. The truth he _____. "Pervert the right ways of the Lord" (Acts 13:10).

Acts 13:11-12 (NKJV)
11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.