

Acts 13:1-3

A NEW *Beginning*



LOOK TO THE CROSS FOR ETERNAL HOPE

Acts 13:1 Now there were **in the church that was at Antioch** certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, **Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, **they sent *them* away.**



I. THE MISSIONARY'S MOTIVE FOR EVANGELISM

A. Involvement due to Obedience, Mt. 28:18-20, Acts 1:8

B. Involvement developing Opportunity, Acts 13:13-14



II. THE MISSIONARY'S MECHANISM FOR EVANGELISM

A. The Authority to Initiate, Acts 13:1, 14:26

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Acts 14:26 And thence sailed to **Antioch, from whence they had been recommended** to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.



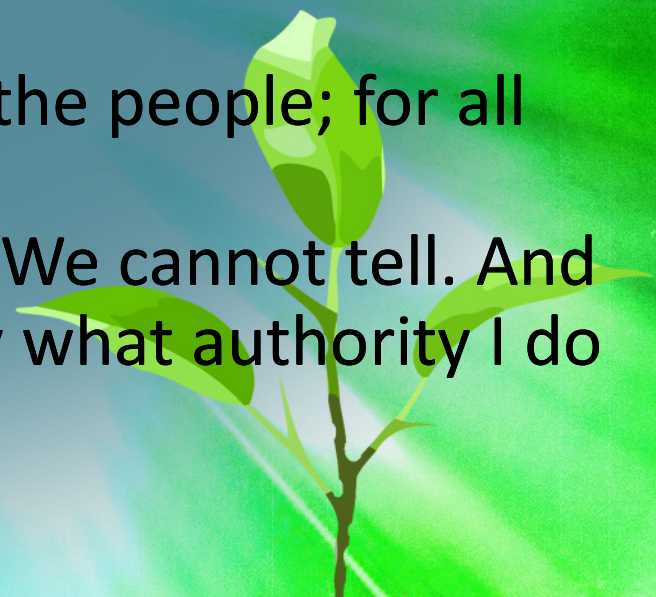
Mt. 21:23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, **By what authority doest thou these things?** and who gave thee this authority?

24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.**

25 **The baptism of John, whence was it?** from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.



B. The Assurance for Indemnity

Acts 14:26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Acts 18:22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed, and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

7 Principles for Church Planting According to the NT Pattern

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1. Church planters were sent; they did not just volunteer to go.
2. Church planters were nurtured first under apostolic church leadership.
3. Planters had a clear leading of the Lord that was confirmed by the church.
4. They went into cultural contexts they were prepared for.
5. They had a leadership team.
6. They had financial backing.
7. They planted congregations that stayed connected to the founding apostolic leader.

Conclusion

Jn. 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jn. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Jas. 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ...

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** ...

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead also.**

Gal. 5:6 "...but **faith which worketh by love.**"

