

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 14:21-28



FIRED UP

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22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:

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

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

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Tonight we continue looking at *Paul's First Missionary Journey*.



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Gal. 6:17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

2 Tim. 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.





- The Concern of the Missionaries, 14:22

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. Evangelization

2. Edification

3. Education

iii. The Need to Elect
Shepherds, 14:23

Acts 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders **in every church**, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Original Word: χειροτονέω

Transliteration: cheirotoneó

Definition: I elect by show of hands, choose by vote, appoint.

(*xeirotoneō*) literally means, "'I stretch out the hand,' thus expressing agreement with a motion, then, 'I elect by show of hands' [of popular vote], 'I elect' " (Souter); properly, 'to vote by stretching out the hand' (practiced in the assembly, so Athenian, Lucian, Plutarch)" (*Abbott-Smith*).] <http://biblehub.com/greek/5500.htm>

2 Cor. 8:19 And not *that* only, but who was also **chosen** of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of* your ready mind:

Original Word: παρατίθημι

Transliteration: paratithémi

Definition: (a) I set (especially a meal) before, serve, (b) act. and mid: I deposit with, entrust to, (c) I bring forward, quote as evidence.

paratíthēmi (from *pará*, "right close beside" and *títhēmi*, "to place, put") – properly, to set close beside (right next to); **(figuratively) entrust; commit to in a very up-close-and-personal way** (note the force of the prefix *para*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/3908.htm>

(b) As They Speed Up the Journey Home, 14:24-25

Acts 14:24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:



(2) The Good News They Shared, 14:26-28

(a) Returning to Antioch, 14:26

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.**

Original Word: παραδίδωμι

Transliteration: paradidómi

Definition: I hand over, pledge, hand down, deliver, commit, commend, betray, abandon.

paradídōmi (from *pará*, "from close-beside" and *dídōmi*, "give") – properly, to give (turn) over; "hand over from," i.e. to deliver over with a sense of close (personal) involvement.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3860.htm>

(b) Reporting to Antioch, 14:27

Acts 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, **they rehearsed all that God had done with them**, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

(c) Resting at Antioch, 14:28

Acts 14:28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

1. Both Peter and Paul engaged in three significant tours journeys [*sic*] recorded in the Book of Acts. Peter: 8:14ff; 9:32—11:2; 15:1-14 (see Gal. 2:11); Paul: 13:2—14:28; 15:36—18:22; 18:23—21:17.

2. Early in their ministry both healed a lame person. Peter: 3:2ff; Paul: 14:8ff.

3. Both saw extraordinary healings take place apart from physical contact with the afflicted individual. Peter's shadow in 5:15; those who brought handkerchiefs and aprons to Paul in 19:11. [The text does not say Peter's shadow was God's instrument in healing people.]

4. Both were God's instruments to bring judgment on those who hindered the growth and purity of the infant church. Peter condemned Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11); Paul smote Elymas with blindness (13:6-11).

5. Each had at least one long discourse [re]produced in full which gives a summary of his preaching. Peter at Pentecost (2:14-40); Paul at Antioch (13:16-42).

6. Both made the resurrection a primary emphasis in their proclamation. Peter: 2:24-36; 3:15, 26; 5:30; 10:40, 41; Paul: 13:30-37; 17:3, 18, 31; 24:15, 21; 25:19; 26:8, 23.

7. Both exorcised demons. Peter: 5:16; Paul: 16:18.

8. Both communicated the gift of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. Peter: 8:17; Paul: 19:6.

9. Both had triumphant encounters with sorcerers. Peter: 8:18ff; Paul: 13:6ff.

10. Both raised the dead. Peter: 9:36ff; Paul: 20:9ff.

11. Both received visions to direct them into critical witnessing efforts. Peter: 10:9ff; Paul: 16:6ff.

12. Both experienced miraculous deliverances from prison. Peter: 12:7ff; Paul: 16:25ff.

Harm, Frederick R. "Structural Elements Related to the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts." *Concordia Journal* 14:1 (January 1988):28-41. (p. 40. See also the chart in *The Nelson . . .*, p. 1841.)

Conclusion

Mark 16:20a “And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them...**”

1 Cor. 3:9 For **we are labourers together with God:** ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through **Christ which strengtheneth me. ...**

17 Not because I desire a gift: but **I desire fruit that may abound to your account. ...**

19 But **my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory **by Christ Jesus.**