



ACCEPTANCE AND OPPOSITION

Acts 14
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Acts 1-2: AD 30

Acts 13-14: Paul's First Missionary Journey: _____

Observations from Iconium: (vv.1-4)

Miracles don't _____ (v.3)

The Gospel (Good News) brings _____ (v.4)

Lystra (vv.6-19)

Paul may have been preaching for _____

This miracle took place because of the _____ (v.9)

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- Romans 10:17 (NKJV)*

The man's faith reveals the _____ of Paul's message

Paul looked at him intently and saw that he had faith to be made well (sozo)... - Acts 14:9 (NASB)

Saved: *sozo* - to save, i.e. deliver or protect (KJV)
heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole (OTESD)

"...there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved (sozo)." - Acts 4:12 (NASB)

When God uses you, the _____ will think you are more than you are and will want to _____ you (vv.11-13)

Paul's Message to this Crowd: (vv.14-17)

We are just men _____ (v.15)

We worship the God who made _____ (v.15)

You need to _____ from gods who could never help you to the _____ God who was always _____ (vv.15&17)

*"We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols..."
- Acts 14:15 (NAB)*

(v.15) **Vain:** *mataios* - empty, i.e. (literally) profitless, or an idol (OTESD)

"...He did good and gave you rains from heaven..." - Acts 14:17 (NASU)

(Jesus) ...for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. - Matthew 5:45 (NASB)

Sometimes the ones who idolized you are later the ones who want to _____ you (v.19)

After the stoning, notice who is _____ (v.20)
*...the disciples stood round (kukloo) about him, he rose up...
- Acts 14:20 (KJV)*

Kukloo: to encircle - i.e. surround (Strong's), encompass (Thayer's)

Then he (Paul) came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy... - Acts 16:1 (NKJV)

If God doesn't _____ the pain, He will send _____ in it

Often great _____ comes after great _____ (v.21)
*They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples.
- Acts 14:21 (NIV)*

After the stoning it's still _____

Paul encouraged "Disciples" by telling them _____
...saying, "Through many (polus: _____) tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." - Acts 14:22 (NASB95)

Many: *polus* - expresses not mere quantity or number but variety
(NIV Life Application Commentary)

"Tribulations" remind us that _____ (v.22)
(Jesus) In the world you have tribulation... - John 16:33 (NASB)

As Paul is _____, he prays, appoints _____, and trusts God (v.23)

Elder: *presbuteros* - older; as noun, a senior; specifically, an Israelite Sanhedrist or Christian "presbyter" (Strong's)