

**The Acts of the Apostles I**  
***The Gospel Preached to the Pagans***  
**Acts 14:1-28**

- I. OPOSITION IN ICONIUM (Acts 14:1-7)
  - A. Preaching (Acts 14:1; 1 Corinthians 1:17-24)
    - i. Unto the Jews a stumblingblock (sign seekers) (John 2:18; John 6:30)
    - ii. Unto the Greeks foolishness (wisdom seekers) (Acts 17:21)
  - B. Blessings (Acts 14:1; Isaiah 55:11)
    - i. The word of God shall not return void
    - ii. It will accomplish and prosper in its work
  - C. Opposition (Acts 14:2)
  - D. Perseverance (Acts 14:3-4)
  - E. Assault (Acts 14:5)
  - F. Retreat (Acts 14:6; Ecclesiastes 3:1)
    - i. Unto Lystra and Derbe (Acts 16:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:10-11)
    - ii. Unto regions round about

**2 Timothy 3:10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **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.

- G. Preaching (Acts 14:7; Psalm 37:39-40)

**Psalm 37:39** But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: **he is their strength in the time of trouble.** **40** And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: **he shall deliver them** from the wicked, and save them, **because they trust in him.**

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## Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Journey

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### II. PAGANISM IN LYSTRA (Acts 14:8-21)

- A. Healing of the Cripple (Acts 14:8-10)
  - i. His need (Acts 14:8)
  - ii. His faith (Acts 14:9; see Acts 3:1-8; Matthew 17:14-21)
  - iii. His healing (Acts 14:10)
  
- B. Fickleness of the People (Acts 14:11-18)
  - i. Called them gods (Acts 14:11-13; Acts 28:3-6)
  - ii. Restrained from worship (Acts 14:14-18)
    - 1. Men of like passions (Acts 14:14-15; Acts 10:26; James 5:17)
    - 2. The God of heaven (Acts 14:15-18; Matthew 5:45; Acts 17:29-30)
      - a. To turn from vanities (Ephesians 4:17)
      - b. Unto the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
      - c. Which made heaven, and earth (Psalm 124:8; Romans 1:20)
  
- C. Blessings through Tribulation (Acts 14:19-22)
  - i. Stoned at Lystra (Acts 14:19; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 2 Corinthians 12:1-5)
  - ii. Delivered from death (Acts 14:20; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10; 2 Corinthians 6:9; 2 Timothy 3:11)
  - iii. Returned to Lystra (Acts 14:21; cp. Acts 16:1)
  - iv. The blessings of fruit (Acts 14:19, 22; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-4, 5-6)
    - 1. The blessings of fruit from your labour (2 Timothy 4:5-8)
    - 2. The blessings of experience in trusting the Lord (Philippians 4:11-13)
    - 3. The blessings of labour alongside other saints (Hebrews 11:32-38)
    - 4. The blessings of knowing your labour is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58)

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

III. RETURN TO ANTIOCH (Acts 14:22-28)

- A. Through Asia Minor (Acts 14:22-25)
  - i. Confirming souls (Acts 14:22a)
  - ii. Exhorting them to continue in the faith (Acts 14:22b)
  - iii. Ordaining elders (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5)
  - iv. Preaching the word (Acts 14:24-25)

**Titus 1:5** For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee:

- B. Back to Antioch (Acts 14:26-28)
  - i. Recommended (Acts 14:26; Acts 15:40)
  - ii. Returned (Acts 14:26)
  - iii. Rehearsed (Acts 14:27-28)

**Acts 15:40** And Paul chose Silas, and departed, **being recommended by the brethren** unto the grace of God.