

Sermon Handout

St. Paul's Evangelism

Acts 13:16-43

I. A Brief Review

- a. The events on Cyprus 13:4-12
 - i. The change of name
- b. Traveling through Pamphylia to South Galatia 13:13
 - i. The departure of John Mark at Perga v. 13
 - ii. Arriving at Pisidian Antioch v. 14
- c. Specific guidance of the Holy Ghost *cf.* 13:14; 15:39
 - i. Ministry in Asia prohibited 16:6
 - ii. Ministry in Bithynia disallowed 16:7
 - iii. They are directed to Greece 16:9ff

II. Paul's Preaching

- a. His audience in the synagogue vv. 14-16
 - i. Natural born Jews and Proselytes
 - ii. God-fearers
- b. His method (from the Law & Prophets v. 15 *cf.* Lk 24:27; 4:16-21)
 - i. Moses (the Law) – deliverance from Egypt vv. 17-18
 - ii. Judges to King David vv. 19-22 (Prophets: Joshua - Kings)
 - iii. Transition to the coming of Jesus vv. 23-29
 - iv. The resurrection (“the sure mercies of David”) vv. 30-37
 - v. A call to repent vv. 38-41

III. The Response to the Sermon

- a. The God-fearers want to hear more v. 42
- b. Some Jews & Proselytes are persuaded v. 43
- c. Trouble arises from the Jewish leadership v. 44ff

Conversion or Defiance?

This is God's business. Ours is to preach the truth. *See* vv. 46-47, 51.

Our evangelism must be based on the totality of Scripture; it must take men from what they know to what they need to know. *cf.* Acts 17:19, 22-25