

## **Sermon Handout**

### The Apostles' Doctrine

#### Acts 14:1-7

### **I. The Apostolic Mission**

- a. "I will be with you." Mt 28:18-20
- b. The Holy Ghost will minister in and through you. Jn 14:16-17, 25-26
- c. The beginning of this Holy Ghost ministry Acts 1:8; 2:4, 16-22

### **II. The Events in Iconium**

- a. Both Jews & Gentiles converted v. 1
- b. The Holy Ghost confirms the message v. 3 *cf.* I Thess 1:5
  - i. "word of his grace" *cf.* Acts 20:32; Jn 15:26-27
  - ii. "signs & wonders" *cf.* Gal 3:5
    - The Word is living & active Heb 4:12 *cf.* Acts 6:7; 13:49
- c. The city is divided vv. 4-5
  - i. Not between Jew & Gentile, but believer & nonbeliever
  - ii. Consistent with Moses & Jesus
    - Jesus: Mt 10:34-39; Jn 7:40-44
    - God through Moses: Ex 8:21-23; 9:4-6; 9:25-26; 10:21-23

### **III. Civil Unrest**

- a. Stirring up the crowds vv. 2, 4, 5
- b. The gospel divides
  - i. Jn 7:7, 43 teaching about sin engenders hatred
  - ii. Jn 15:18-21 unbelief leads to hatred of believers
- c. The peacekeeping duty of civil magistrates I Tim 2:1-4; Rom 13:3-4
  - i. To promote a quiet & peaceful community
  - ii. So that the gospel may prosper
- d. The gospel divides, but the goal is unity under King Jesus Phil 2:9-11
  - Against this, the heathen rage, but to no avail Ps 2:1-6