

Sermon Handout

Work and Accountability

Acts 14:19-28

- I. The Sending from Syrian Antioch** Acts 13:1-3
 - a. Paul & Barnabas are sent from the church
 - i. Commissioned by the church v. 3
 - ii. Sent by authority of the Holy Ghost vv. 2, 4
 - b. Paul & Barnabas are already trusted messengers
 - i. Sent to Jerusalem 11:27-30
 - ii. Completed the task & returned 12:24-25
 - iii. Brought Mark with them v. 25
 1. He will travel with them to Cyprus
 2. Returns to Jerusalem from Perga
 - c. Paul & Barnabas return to report to the church 14:26-28

- II. Ministry in South Galatia** 14:14-25
 - a. The itinerary
 - i. To Pamphylia (Perga) 13:13 – no record of ministry there
 - ii. To Pisidian Antioch 13:14-51
 - iii. To Iconium 13:51-14:6
 - iv. To Lystra 14:6-20 – the home of Timothy 16:1-3; 20:4
 - v. To Derbe 14:20-21 – the home of Gaius 20:4; 19:29?; I Cor 1:14;
 - b. The return trip
 - i. Retracing their steps in Galatia 14:21-23
 - Five essential tasks vv. 22-23 (no public preaching mentioned)
 - ii. Back to Pamphylia, preaching in Perga v. 24-25a
 - iii. Exit at the seaport in Attalia v. 25b

- III. The Work to Which They Were Called** (13:2)
 - a. Preachers must be sent 13:3; Rom 10:12-17
 - b. They did not go out merely to “save souls” but to establish churches 14:21-23; 15:36; 18:22-23 (*cf.* 20:6)
Long term pastoral oversight was important to Paul.
 - c. Reporting to the sending agency 14:26-28; 18:22
The sending agency remains involved and responsible.
Paul gives an account of his duties & their fulfillment.