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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Compelled

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Acts 13

Acts 13 begins the final section of the book. The center of the church's operation had moved from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria. Chapters 13-28 describe the "spreading flame" of the gospel throughout the Roman world. John MacArthur has said, it was from Antioch "that the flag of Gentile missions was unfurled". I believe God desires for us to be a people who are gospel missionaries every day in our community. A people committed to sending and going to the uttermost parts of the earth. Reading Acts 13, we see how **the truth of the gospel compelled the early church to live missionally**. The Cambridge Dictionary defines the word "compelled" as "having to do something, because you are forced to or feel it is necessary." **When you know the truth of the gospel, you will be compelled to live a missional life.** (Romans 1:14-17)

EVERY PERSON NEEDS A SAVIOR!

- **Every person is a sinner!** (Romans 3:23; Psalm 53:3; Ephesians 2:1,3)
- **Every person is condemned before God!** (John 3:18-20, 36)
- **Every person will face the judgement and wrath of God!** (Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 25:46)

GOD HAS PROVIDED THE SAVIOR! (Acts 13:23-25; 38-39)

Notice I use the word "THE" not "a", because Jesus is not just another savior, He is the one and only Savior. He is uniquely and exclusively God's provision for man's need for forgiveness and redemption.

(Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Luke 24:46-47; Luke 15:2)

- **Only Jesus can forgive sin – (v. 38)**

Acts 13:38–39 (NASB95) Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

(2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 2:2, John 3:16-17)

- **Only Jesus can give true freedom – (v. 39)**

Proverbs 5:22 (NASB95) His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin.

Acts 13:39 And through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

CONCLUSION: How Do We Respond?

- **As a Christian**, you respond with a commitment to sharing the gospel with as many people as possible.
- **As a person in need of Christ**, you respond in repentance and by placing your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.