

Acts 14

LW – Acts 13; 2nd ½; Saul/Paul; Gospel in Antioch;

V1-7

* Map – Antioch to Iconium = 80 miles

1. (V3) - Speak about – Word of His Grace!!! (13:43, 14:26)

Charis - that which affords joy, pleasure, delight; good will, loving-kindness, favour; of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.

Ephesians 1:7⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:4-9⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

* Map – Fled to Lystra & Derbe

2. (V7) – Do there? Preach the Gospel! Antioch, Iconium...

V8-13

1. V9 How did this faith come to this poor man? Why, by hearing the word of God preached; (A. Clarke) **Rom 10:17** – Faith Comes by...

2. V11 - Ironic – Ready/Worship Paul/Barnabas - “gods have...”

* Sound Familiar? **Jn 1:1 & 14, Jn 3:16, Philippians 2:6-8**⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

1 John 5:10¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

V14-18

1. Same nature as you! We came from the same place, just like you!
James 5:17¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

V19-20

1. Fickleness of People – 1 sec/Worshipping – 1 sec/Stoning!
2. “Bad” things happen sometimes –
3. **2 Corinthians 12:2**²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

V21-22

1. Goes to Derbe – Hide? – No – Preach the Gospel! – Fruit – Many!!!
2. Returned – Lystra (Stoned), Iconium/Antioch (Instigators/From)
3. Strengthening/Souls/Disciples; Exhorting/Continue/Tribulations
1 Corinthians 16:9⁹For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.
Philippians 1:29²⁹For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
2 Timothy 3:12¹²Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

V23 – Elders, Prayed/Fasted/Commended/Lord

V24-25 – Preached Word

Colossians 4:6⁶Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
1 Peter 3:15¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

V26-27

1. What God had done – with them - He had Opened the Door –
* Daniel & Maria - **Revelation 3:8**⁸“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.
2. Why all this Preaching of Gospel – Mark 16:15 & Isa 61:1-3