

The Only Way

Acts 13:13-43

What makes someone a good/better/best _____?

The Early Church

Jewish people: “_____” to God

Gentile people (not Jews): “_____” from God

Gospel: _____ need salvation through the _____ work of Christ

Expectation by the “_____” people:

Acts 13:13-43

13: _____ & companions to Perga; John Mark leaves

_____ is now the leader

14-15: In Antioch: invited to _____ in the synagogue

_____ : mixture of “near” and “far” people

Typical service: _____ (Deuteronomy 6:4-5), prayer, Scripture reading, sermon, benediction

16-22: Judaism: God patiently worked for His _____

God actively _____ in Jewish history for His purposes: chose, blessed, led, endured, overthrew, gave, removed, testified

Saul=“asked for”, replaced with God’s choice: David (a _____)

A man who followed God’s plan, including _____

23-25: Jesus: the _____ One, and the greatest one

John the Baptist required repentance even among the “_____”

John said: _____ is immensely greater!

26-31: Jesus: _____ by Jerusalemites, and _____ by God

This is the promised _____!

Jews’ rejection of Jesus fulfilled God’s _____

God _____ Jesus from the dead, as told by many first-hand witnesses

32-37: Jesus: the Promised good news (_____)

Jewish prophecy was fulfilled in _____

Especially through His _____

Jesus is greater than David (who died and _____)

38-39: Jesus: brought _____ and freedom from sin

_____ all, and _____ by all

What Moses (and _____ else) could not do

In Jesus, there is _____ from the power of sin

40-41: Warning: Believe, don’t _____ (mocking disbelief)

Some people see and hear, but don’t _____

Especially a problem among the “_____”

42-43: Many: Enthusiastic _____

Including among the ‘_____’ who will rebel and try to block the ‘far’

Paul urged them to continue in _____

The Big Idea:

God’s work with humanity

is to _____/forgive people

through Jesus’ historical death and resurrection

the _____ of God’s ongoing work

for everyone forever

Luke 24:27; Mark 10:45; Colossians 1:19-20

Application:

Rejoice in _____ and _____ upon grace (salvation / forgiveness) through Christ

Seeing the Old Testament without reference to the saving work of Jesus is to miss its primary _____

Seeing _____ of life without reference to the saving work of

Jesus is to miss the _____ of God

We so quickly go back to thinking _____ (and _____) we have to be good enough, or capable enough, or work hard enough, or ...

Hebrews 10:14

Be profoundly humble before God & people

This Good News should profoundly change how I see...

_____ 1 John 1:8-10

_____ Matthew 5:44-45; 6:14-15; 7:1-2

Galatians 3:3

A Good Christian

- Someone who keeps _____ upon the grace of Christ
Galatians 3:3; 6:14
- Someone who keeps _____ more and more like Jesus, “full of grace and truth”

Reflection

- Have you experienced the wonderful grace of Christ, being welcomed and loved by God entirely by His grace in Christ? If so, what was that like?
- In what ways are you tempted, “after beginning by means of the Spirit, to finish by means of the flesh and work”?
- In what ways are you tempted to judge others, separate from grace?
- What does it look like to “keep depending upon the grace of Christ” on a daily basis? What helps you do that?