

The Only Way

Acts 13:44-52

Mixtures

Can be good ... Can be bad ...

Christian mixtures can bring serious _____!

God's work in the ancient world

Jewish people: "_____" to God

Gentile people: "_____" from God

Expectation "_____" had to become "_____" to become Christian

Acts 13:13-52

13-43: Paul preached in the _____ in Antioch

_____ and God-fearing _____ heard him

Central message: "through Jesus the _____ of sins is proclaimed to you." (verse 38)

Same _____ and same _____ for Jews and Gentiles

Based on God's _____ in the Jewish Scriptures

People _____ them to teach more the next Sabbath

Many Jews and Gentile converts to Judaism _____ in Jesus

44-45: Many Jews: _____ and opposition

Huge interest from _____

Probably included many Gentiles who had _____ to Judaism

The Jews "were filled with _____"

_____ zeal: defend the synagogue and keep Gentile converts from God's Gospel; Romans 10:2

_____ zeal: upset that Christianity was reducing their power and popularity; James 3:16

46-47: Paul: God's plan: _____ first, then _____

Self-_____ when we turn away from God

The Gospel: Romans 1:16

God's intention: use His people to reach people who aren't _____

48: Gentiles: _____ and salvation

Joy: don't have to switch _____ or ethnicities, or learn another language, to be a Christian

God's _____ ("appointed for eternal life") and human _____

("believed the word of the Lord") in the same _____ (salvation)

Focus: the _____ = the word of the Lord

49-52: Opposition, and _____-filled growth of the _____

Opponents: Tried to use _____ skill/power to stop the Gospel

The new _____: spread the _____ of the _____, filled with _____

The Big Idea:

The only path from _____ person _____ where to God is through _____ alone

Application:

Be _____

Turn away from "bad zeal"/_____

Admit that I need God's grace just like _____ else

Rejoice when the _____ grows

Even if my _____ closes or seems unimportant

Even if _____ am unimportant in that growth

Even if my country or _____ loses prominence or power

John 3:30

Avoid confusing _____

Turn away from "_____ zeal"

Zeal for my _____ or _____ must never be mixed or confused with zeal for the Gospel

In what I _____

In what I _____

In what people _____

1 Corinthians 2:2

The _____ = Good News

Every person is made in the _____ of God

Created to _____ God and to _____ people

Every person is born _____ and _____ from God

No culture or country makes you and me _____ in need of the Gospel, or _____ in need of the Gospel

Jesus Christ's death is the _____ hope, and the _____ hope,

for every person everywhere, through faith alone

"through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you"

Rejoice in the Gospel

You and I need this gift of God, exactly the same as _____

We all are naturally the same distance from God:

the length of the _____ of Jesus Christ

Receive this gift, and be _____ with joy and the Holy Spirit!

Reflection

- In how you think about and live in the Gospel, what other things might be likely to get mixed in, whether intentionally or not?
- In what ways might you be most at risk for "misplaced zeal" or "bad zeal" (jealousy)? What helps you see and turn from those things?