

Bringing New Life

Acts 14:1-7

Input / Processing / Output

The Books of Acts

Author: _____

_____, historian, writer

Recipients: _____ / Purpose: the _____

Perhaps: _____ churches, mostly Gentiles plus Jews

In support of being _____ of the Gospel to the ends of the earth

Telling history in order to _____ churches, and to _____ the Church

Faithful to _____: "Know the certainty"

Goal: to _____ people and _____ by a _____, inspired, and reliable telling of the past

Acts 14:1-7

1: Gospel _____, and many Jews & Greeks believed

proclaim = tell an important and wonderful message

with matching _____ and _____

Starting in the synagogues (_____ places)

Effective speech: the _____ means God used for bringing people to faith in Christ

A great number from _____ backgrounds believed

2: Others (Jews & Greeks) tried to _____ the Gospel

"_____ to _____": unbelief & disobedience

"_____ their inner beings": intentional work to prevent belief

→ effective for many

Presumably misplaced _____ and bad _____

Some people _____ other people from hearing and believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Opposition against "_____"

3: Proclamation continued, with God's _____

_____ opposition, Paul & Barnabas continued their bold speech

Perhaps to help the new believers _____ in their faith

As well as bringing more people to _____ in Christ

God '_____ ' to the word of His _____ as well!

Conviction of the _____ in people's lives

4-7: _____ became extreme. The Gospel continued

Miracles did not end the broad _____

Jews & Gentiles both _____ & _____ the apostles

_____ (perhaps Jew and Gentile) were a part of the opposition

Paul & Barnabas left that district

They continued _____ the Gospel

The Big Idea:

The _____ of the Gospel brings many to _____ in Christ while some _____ it and try to keep others from _____

Application:

_____ the Gospel

The Gospel _____ is fundamental

Christ-like _____ points to and confirms the message

"_____ " is God's primary means for bringing salvation

Includes preaching, sharing with a friend over coffee/tea,

conversations after a movie or sports or concert,

processing grief or pain or discouragement together, ...

Gospel is not: people trying to be _____ for God

God's _____	Human _____	God's _____ in Christ	Human _____ / Spirit's work
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Proclaim the Gospel well, optimistically, boldly, and _____

Use _____: the big story of the Bible & humanity, & our own

1. We live in a _____ world because of human _____

2. We _____ a beautiful world of health, wholeness, and love

3. It is _____ by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, bringing _____ and restoration as people _____ in Him

Start with _____ rather than proof

Encourage exploration in _____ with God's people

Watch for God's confirmation/"_____"

Be _____ and yet _____ of opposition

John 15:20; Romans 8:31, 37

Opposition to God is both _____ and _____

Reflection

- What are the "inputs" that God often uses to bring about the "output" of new life in Christ? What were or are the inputs for you?
- What is the invisible "processing" as people come to new life in Christ? How did God work in your heart? How is God working in your heart?
- The church is made up of many different people with different "gifts" and abilities and passions. What are examples of the teamwork that make up some of the "inputs" leading to new life in Christ? Where might you fit in that community effort?