

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"Response To The Word"**  
**Acts 13:44-52**  
**Study-26**

**Paul's preaching seems to result in a "Riot or a Revival and sometimes both!"**

- 1. Verse 44-46 – Rejection of The Word**
- 2. Verses 46-49 – Reception of The Word**
- 3. Verses 50-52 – Success of The Word:**

**1. Verse 44-46 – Rejection of The Word**

Acts 13:44

Acts 13:16-41

Acts 13:42-43

Interest in The Word: "nearly the whole city assembled"

Acts 13:44 – "to hear the word of God."

Acts 13:46 – "It was necessary that the word of God"

Acts 13:48 – "glorifying the word of the Lord;"

Acts 13:49 – "And the word of the Lord"

Heb 5:11-14

Acts 13:45

Pride and Jealousy: "But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy,"

Prov 27:4

"contradicting" – "to dispute, refuse, deny, speak against"

2 Thess 2:10-12

"blaspheming" – "to vilify, specially to speak irreverently, defame, rail on, revile, speak evil"

Acts 13:46

“boldly” – “to be frank in utterance, or confident in spirit and demeanor, (preach, speak) boldly”

Matt 10:5-6

Acts 3:26

“repudiate it,” – “to shove, to push off, figurative to reject, cast away, put away from, thrust away from”

The rejection of the Written Word (Bible) also Results in Forfeiting a Relationship With The Living Word which is Eternal Life.

## **2. Verses 46-49 – Reception of The Word:**

Acts 13:46-47

Isa. 49:6

Paul Saw Application in the Word: God’s plan was to use the Jews to bring salvation to the world.

Simeon At Jesus Dedication: Luke 2:29-32

Acts 13:48

Rejoicing Over The Word: “And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord;”

John 8:32

Those who responded to the word and believed are described as having been “appointed for eternal life.”

Acts 13:46

Here God Gives Us The Divine Side of Evangelism: We are speaking about the doctrine of “Divine Election”

Eph. 1:4-6

Romans 8:29-30

“appointed to eternal life” – “assignment, determined, enrolled,” and indicates that God’s people have their names written in God’s book Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3

Human Side of Evangelism: Acts 13:49

Why is there such a diverse reaction to the teaching and preaching of the Word of God?

Matthew 13:3-23 – Parable of “The Sower and The Seed.”

Matt 13:18

The sower – Is Jesus Christ. Matt. 13:37

Seed – Word of God Luke 8:11

Jesus Gives 4 Conditions of soil which are 4 conditions of the Heart:

1. Matt 13:19 – The Hard Heart
2. Matt 13:20-21 – The Shallow Heart
3. Matt 13:22 – The Divided Heart

Jesus gives 3 types of Weeds:

1. The Weeds of Worries: with worries (Literally "The distractions of this age.")
2. The Weeds of Riches: and riches
3. The Weeds of Pleasures: and pleasures of this life, Literally "Desire concerning the remaining things."

and it becomes unfruitful. These things become the dominate force.

Matt. 6:24

4. Matt 13:23 – The Fruitful Heart

We see that only 1/4 of the people that hear the message will bear fruit to repentance.

### **3. Verses 50-52 – Success of The Word:**

Acts 13:50

2 Tim 3:10-11

Acts 13:51

“Iconium” – it was to the East 80 miles away.

Acts 13:52

Disciples – the followers of the teacher and His teaching.

Gal 5:22-23

#### **Application:**

1. We Should Give Full Attention to The Teaching of The Word
2. We Should Receive The Word For Ourselves
3. We Should Receive The Word With Application In Mind