

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"The Mission of Missions"**  
**Acts 14:1-28**  
**Study-27**

**Acts 14:19-23**

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

"The Mission Of The Church Is Missions And The Mission Of Missions Is The Church."

We will see the pattern of going to convert, then returning to confirm.

What is amazing is that this mission trip from Acts 13-14 is as short as a year and as long as 3 years. The result is at least 4 churches had been founded: Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.

**1. Verses 1-7 – Iconium**

**2. Verses 8-20 – Lystra & Derbe**

**3. Verses 21-28 – Return To Antioch**

**1. Verses 1-7 – Iconium:**

Acts 14:1

Acts 13:49-51

Iconium – was 100 miles South-East of Pisidian Antioch.

Acts 13:46

Preaching – spoke in such a manner that a great multitude believed,

Acts 14:2

"But the Jews who disbelieved" – Literally "disobeyed"

"embittered" – Literally "to poisoned their minds" Matt 13

Acts 14:3-4

The Word Brings Division – "the multitude of the city was divided;"

Matt 10:34-37

Growth – and some with the apostles. Acts 14:21-23 – Paul would appoint church leaders from them!

Persecution - Acts 14:5

2 Cor. 2:15-16

Acts 14:6

Jesus Said, Matt 10:23

Paul said, 2 Cor 4:8-9

Lycaonia, Is the district or region

## **2. Verses 8-20 – Lystra & Derbe:**

Acts 14:8

Luke records 4 events that take place in this city:

### 1. Verses 8-10 – The Healing of A Lame Man

Acts 3:1

Acts 14:9-10

God asks us to do the impossible because He intends to do the impossible through us

### 2. Verses 11-13 – Superstition of The People

Acts 14:11-12 – Barnabas, Zeus, (Jupiter) and Paul, Hermes, (Mercury)

### 3. Verses 14-18 – The Message: Acts 14:14-15

Verse 15 – One True God The Creator: a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM

#### 1. Natural Revelation:

Romans 1:19-20

Psalms 19:1-4

2. Special Revelation: Which is the written word of God

Verse 16 – God, The Controller of Nations: Acts 14:16

Verse 17 – God’s Goodness and Grace: Acts 14:17

Acts 14:18

4. Verses 19-20 – Paul’s Stoning: Acts 14:19

2 Cor. 12:3-4

Gal. 6:17 – During this time he received his marks

Acts 14:20

“to Derbe” – this is about 60 miles away

### **3. Verses 21-28 – Return To Antioch:**

Acts 14:21

Preaching & Making Disciples: “preached the gospel (Conversion) to that city and had made many disciples,” (Maturity)

Now Paul Confirms The Believers – to strengthen, make firmer

Acts 14:22

Encouraged The Believers – “strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith,”

Taught The Believers – “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

Acts 14:23

Organization of The Believers – “And when they had appointed elders for them in every church,”

elders – this is an overseer; The qualifications in Titus 1:6-9 and in 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Acts 20:28

appointed – is the word ordain, or designate.

Prayed & Commending The Believers – “having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”

“commended” – “It means to deposit, place in the hand of, to commit.”

Acts 14:24-28

### **Application:**

“The Mission of Missions” is to Convert then Confirm

Convert – Takes Place Through Preaching; proclamation of the Gospel is the way of salvation: Death, Burial and Resurrection

The Word Brings Division: Belief meant Growth and Unbelief meant Persecution

Confirm – to strengthen make firmer

1. Encouraged The Believers
2. Teaching The Believers – Discipleship
3. Organization of The Believers – Leadership

Paul prayed for them, fasted, then commended them to the Lord – Apostle’s doctrine (Scriptures) Pastors to (teach them), Holy Spirit (Guide Them)