



“The Growth of the Gospel”

Acts 13:42-14:7 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *The apostle Paul pushes the Gospel forward deep into pagan Gentile territory, where some believe the salvation message and others become very hostile toward it.*

I. How Paul Preached the Gospel.

A. In his sermon, Paul emphasizes two key parts of the Gospel message.

1. The Content of the Gospel:
 - a. Who Jesus is. (Acts 13:23-26)
 - b. What Jesus did.
(Acts 13:28-31)
2. The Promise of the Gospel.
 - a. Forgiveness (Acts 13:38)
 - b. Freedom (Acts 13:39)
 - c. Eternal life (Acts 13:46-48)

II. The Gospel Reveals a Great Divide.

A. Some people believe the Good News.
Other people do not believe.

B. The Gospel divides on the basis of faith in Jesus.

1. It divided the Jews who heard the Gospel. (Acts 13:38)

2. It divided the Gentiles who heard the Gospel. (Acts 14:1-2)

C. Why do people reject the Good News of the Gospel?

1. Pride
2. Religion
3. Culture

III. The Gospel’s Ongoing Growth.

- A. The message of the Gospel of salvation is from God and will not be stopped.
- B. The early Christians stayed on message and didn’t get sidetracked.
- C. The early Christians spread the Gospel by being lights of the Gospel.

Conclusion.