

Acts – Birth of the Church

The Mission Trip Begins

Acts 13:1-12

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Introduction:

- **Acts 11:27-30**
 - Greek – **Prophetes** ... English – **Prophet** ... “*One who proclaims inspired pronouncements on behalf of God ... ‘prophet, inspired preacher.’*”
 - **Acts 21:10-11**
 - Greek – **Didaskalos** (*Dee-Dask-Alos*) ... English – **Teacher** ... “*One who provides instruction ... ‘teacher, instructor.’*”
 - **Matthew 28:18-20**
 - In the Great Commission, His Charge to the Church is to – Go and make disciples!
 - Baptize them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
 - Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.
 - A Promise to the Church – I will be with you always.
 - **All** people were Created by God ... **All** people belong to God ... **All** people are loved by God ... **AND** ... **Since all people** have sinned, all people need Jesus ... **Therefore**, all people are welcome to respond to the Terms of Pardon ... We need to get this information to them.
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1. The Church at Antioch:

- a. **Acts 13:1**
- b. The church was made up of everyone:
 - i. Two from North Africa – Simeon and Lucius
 - ii. One from Cyprus – Barnabas
 - iii. One from Tarsus – Saul
 - iv. One from the Judean area – Manaen

2. Paul and Barnabas:

- a. **Acts 13:1-5**
- b. FOUR things we see going on:
 - i. What is Fasting and its purpose?
 1. Greek – **Nesteuo** (*Nay-Stew-O*) ... English – **Fasted** ... “*To go without food for a set time as a religious duty ... To focus on a spiritual need.*”

2. A fast is done with a spiritual purpose in mind.
3. Dr. David Roadcup – One of my mentors and Professors co-authored a book – *Prayer and Fasting: The Three most common Fasts*:
 - a. The Normal Fast – **Matthew 4:1-2**
 - b. The Partial Fast – **Daniel 10:3**
 - c. **Acts 13:2-3**
 - d. **Acts 9:15-16**
- ii. Who sent Paul and Barnabas?
 1. **Acts 13:3**
 2. **Acts 13:4**
 3. We are all missionaries –
 4. **John 14:15-17**
- iii. Why Cyprus?
 1. It was predominantly Gentile.
- iv. Who was John?
 1. Greek – **Hyperetes** (*Hoop-Air-Et-Tays*) ... English – **Helper** ... “A person who renders service ... One who provides aid and relief.”

3. The False Prophet:

- a. **Acts 13:6-12**
- b. Greek – **Magos** ... English – **Sorcerer** ... “*Magic and Sorcery attempt to influence people and events by supernatural and occult means ... Usually associated with astrology.*”
- c. **Acts 13:10-11**
- d. **Acts 26:28-29**
- e. **Acts 13:12**
- f. **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**