Pisidian Antioch, the Main City of South Galatia (Part 1): The Preaching of Paul

Acts 13:14-41

1 Paul and Barnabas entered Pisidian Antioch

- a. They entered the synagogue on the Sabbath
- b. As strangers, they were invited to speak
- c. Paul took the lead, addressing the Jews and followers of God
- 2 God has been working throughout all history: He suffered and bore with the ways of Israel (and of the world) (see v. 18)
 - a. God chose Israel
 - b. God delivered Israel
 - c. God *put up* with Israel's weaknesses through the desert
 - d. God led Israel to conquer Canaan
 - e. God gave Israel judges
 - f. God gave Israel prophets
 - g. God gave Israel a king of their own choosing: Saul

- 14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down.
- 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."
- 16 Standing up,
 Paul motioned with his hand and said:
 "Men of Israel
 and you Gentiles who worship God,
 listen to me!
- 17 The God of the people of Israel chose our fathers; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt, with mighty power he led them out of that country,
- 18 He endured their conduct for about forty years in the desert,
- 19 He overthrew seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to his people as their inheritance.
- 20 All this took about 450 years.

 "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet.
- 21 Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years.

- h. God raised up a special king of His own choosing: David
- 3 God has consummated history: He has given the world a Saviour, Jesus
 - a. The Saviour was proclaimed by a forerunner, John the Baptist

- b. The Saviour is "the message of salvation" being proclaimed to you
- c. The Saviour was rejected and crucified
 - 1) Men did not know Him
 - Men did not accept nor believe the prophecies about Him
 - 3) Men rejected and crucified Him fulfilling the prophecies
 - 4) Men fulfilled all prophecy written about Him
- d. The Saviour was raised from the dead by God

- 22 After removing Saul,
 he made David their king.
 He testified concerning him:
 'I have found David son of Jesse
 a man after my own heart;
 he will do everything I want him to do.'
- 23 "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised.
- 24 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.
- 25 As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you think I am? I am not that one.No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'
- 26 "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.
- 27 The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.
- 28 Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.
- 29 When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.
- 30 But God raised him from the dead,

- 1) The proof:
 Eyewitnesses saw Him —
 close associates
 who could not be deceived
- 2) The purpose:To bring good news to menthe glorious messageof incorruption:Christ did not see decay

- e) The Saviour forgives sin
- f. The Saviour justifies all who believe; justifies apart from the law
- g. The Saviour brings judgment upon men

- 31 And for many days he was seen by those who had travelled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem.

 They are now his witnesses to our people.
- 32 We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers
- 33 He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus.As it is written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'
- 34 The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'
- 35 So it is stated elsewhere: 'You will not let your Holy One see decay.'
- 36 For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.
- 37 But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.
- 38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
- 39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.
- 40 Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:
- 41 'Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.'