

**Pisidian Antioch, the Main City of South Galatia (Part II):
Various Responses to the Gospel
Acts 13:42–52**

1 *The people's response to the gospel*

- a. Some non-religionists desired to hear more
- b. Some who were hungry for God desired to hear more immediately
- c. Some who never attended came to hear the Word of God
- d. Some rejected and opposed
 - 1) Reacted against the crowds
 - 2) Talked abusively against Paul's message

2 *The preacher's response to the people*

- a. They rejected the rejecters of the gospel
- b. They turned to willing hearers
 - 1) Jesus was the One sent to be the light and salvation of the world

42 As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.

43 When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.

46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.

47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

<p>2) The Gentiles rejoiced and honoured the Word</p> <p>3) Some were appointed for eternal life and believed</p> <p>4) The Word was spread throughout the whole area</p> <p>c. They were persecuted and forcibly expelled from the city and surrounding area</p> <p>d. They dramatically turned away from the rejecters</p> <p>e. They were sustained by God: Despite rejection and persecution</p>	<p>48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honoured the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.</p> <p>49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.</p> <p>50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.</p> <p>51 So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.</p> <p>52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.</p>
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