

PAUL'S FIRST MISSION JOURNEY

(THE APOSTLE'S COUNCIL IN JERUSALEM)

Acts 13:1 -15:34

Key Verse 13:47

*** The beginning of world mission in Antioch (13:1-14:28)**

1. What was the special character of the church in Antioch (11:19-29) What was her spiritual priority? (13:2-3) What battle did Paul fight in Cyprus to save the proconsul's soul? (6-12) What did Paul testify about the fulfillment of God's promise in Antioch in Pisidia? (16-41) What work of God and what hardships did Paul and Barnabas experience there? (42-52) What can you learn from Paul and Barnabas about following God's guidance? (47)
2. What work of God and what opposition did Paul and Barnabas experience in Iconium, Lystra and Derbe? (14:1-21) How did Paul show his missionary spirit and his belief in the resurrection? How did Paul and Barnabas strengthen the disciples and churches on the journey back? (21-23) How did they conclude their first missionary journey? (27) What do you learn about the secret of the apostles' victorious and fruitful missionary life?

*** The apostle's council in Jerusalem (15:1-35)**

3. What question caused a conflict in the church of Antioch? (1.2.3-5; Gal 1:6-9) What did Paul and Barnabas do? (3.4.12) With what core message and conclusion did Peter defend the missionary work to the Gentiles? (7-11; Rom 3:30) What was James' defense speech about? (13-18)
4. What suggestions did James make concerning the Gentile Christians? (19-21) What is the significance of the four things the Gentile Christians were to abstain from for them? What decisions did the apostles pass on in a letter to the believers in the Gentile cities? (23-29) Through whom and how did the Jerusalem church edify the Gentile Christians and the world mission? (31.32)