

February 18, 2018  
Acts 13 (Selected Passages)

## JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

### I. Introduction:

#### The Perspective of Thomas Edison to Trials

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure **joy**, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

- Are you experiencing the joy of the Lord?

“What is the chief end of man? **“To Glorify God and ENJOY him forever.**” The Westminster Confession of Faith

### II. The First Missionary Journey

2] While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, **“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”** 3] So after they had fasted and prayed, **they placed their hands on them and sent them off.** “ Acts 13:2-3

5] When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. **John was with them as their helper.** Acts 13:5

<sup>44]</sup> On the next Sabbath almost **the whole city** gathered to **hear the word of the Lord.** <sup>45]</sup> When the Jews saw the crowds, **they were filled with jealousy.** They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.” Acts 13:44-45

<sup>51</sup> So they **shook the dust off their feet** as a warning to them and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> **And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.** Acts 13:51-52

### III. How Can We Experience The Joy of Holy Spirit?

#### A. Recognize that Joy Comes From The \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23

#### B. Don't Be A \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, <sup>38</sup> but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because **he had deserted them** in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work." Acts 15:37

Are you a Kill-Joy?

### IV. C. Keep The Focus On God Rather Than The \_\_\_\_\_

"When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <sup>3</sup> **For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;**" Isaiah 43:2-3

## POINTS TO PONDER Week of February 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Acts 13

### Open It

1. What are some of your favorite quotes?
2. Who is one of the best speakers you have ever heard?
3. When have you been moved to action by great preaching?
4. \*Who is one person who can affect whether you have a good or bad day? How?

### Explore It

5. What happened at Perga? (13:13-14)

6. Where did the missionaries go after leaving Perga? (13:14)
7. What did the synagogue rulers say to Paul and Barnabas? (13:14-15)
8. What were Paul and his companions invited to do in the synagogue? (13:14-15)
9. In his initial response to the invitation to speak, what did Paul say? (13:16)
10. In surveying the history of Israel, what key events did Paul mention? (13:17-22)
11. How was the mention of David an easy transition to refer to Jesus (and his forerunner, John) in Paul's message? (13:23-25)
12. To whom was the message of salvation sent? (13:26)
13. How did Paul confirm the fact of Jesus' resurrection from the dead? (13:33-37)
14. How is forgiveness of sins possible? (13:38-39)
15. What did Paul say would happen to his hearers if they failed to recognize Jesus as Savior? (13:40-41)
16. How did people respond to the message Paul preached? (13:42-43)
17. What did the people do and say as Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue? (13:42-43)
18. What happened on the Sabbath after Paul first spoke in Perga? (13:44-45)
19. Why did Paul and Barnabas turn their attention to non-Jewish (Gentile) audiences? (13:45-48)
20. How did Paul and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles? (13:46-48)
21. How did the Gentiles respond to the Word of the Lord? (13:48)

22. \*What happened to Paul and Barnabas while God was causing the church to grow and become strong? (13:49-52)
23. \*What price did Paul and Barnabas pay for telling people about Christ? (13:50)
24. \*What effect did the opposition have on Paul and Barnabas? (13:51-52)
25. What gave Paul and Barnabas joy? (13:52)

### **Get It**

26. How should Christians settle their differences?
27. If you had an opportunity to speak to a group of people about Christ, what would you say to challenge them to turn to Him?
28. Paul clearly assumed leadership in Pisidian Antioch; how do you think Barnabas felt when this happened? Why?
29. How would it be hard for you to give up a position of leadership?
30. What is the importance of timing in telling people about Christ?
31. From whom have you kept the gospel?
32. When have you been rejected because of your faith?
33. How should we handle rejection?
34. \*Why were Paul and Barnabas able to have joy?
35. \*How can we experience joy during difficult circumstances?

### **Apply It**

36. \*What verse or principle will help you have joy in whatever circumstances you face?