

## Acts 13:13-43

<sup>13</sup>Then having sailed from Paphos [with] those around [him] Paul came to Perga of Pamphylia. John, however, having departed from them, returned to Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup>Now having passed through Perga they came to Antioch of Pisidia and having gone into the synagogue on the say of the Sabbath, they sat down.<sup>15</sup>Then after the reading of the law and the prophets the rules of the synagogue sent to them saying “Men, brothers, if there is among any [of] you a word of exhortation toward the people, speak.”<sup>16</sup>Then Paul having risen up and having made a sign with [his] hand said, “Men, Israelites, and those fearing God, listen. The God of this people of Israel, chose our fathers and the people exalted in the sojourn in [the] land of Egypt and with [an] uplifted arm brought them out of it <sup>18</sup>and for a period of about forty years he endured their ways in the wilderness<sup>a, 19</sup>and having destroyed seven nations in the [the] land of Canaan, he gave them the land as an inheritance, <sup>20</sup>as long as four hundred and fifty years.<sup>b 21</sup>Then they asked for a king, and God gave Saul, a son of Kish a man of [the] tribe of Benjamin to them [for] forty years<sup>c. 22</sup> And having removed him, he raised up David to them as king, to whom also having carried witness he said, ‘I have found David the [son] of Jesse, a man according to my heart, who will do all of my will,<sup>d 23</sup>of the seed of this [man], God, according to [his] promise [the] Savior Jesus to Israel.<sup>24</sup>Before his coming, John having proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.<sup>e 25</sup>Then while John was fulfilling the course he was saying, ‘Whom do you suppose me to be? I am not he, but behold he comes after me, to whom I am not worthy to unite a sandal of [his] feet.’<sup>f 26</sup>Men, brothers, sons of the family of Abraham and those among you fearing God, the message of this salvation has been sent to us.<sup>27</sup>For those dwelling in Jerusalem and their rulers, having not known him, and having condemned [him] they fulfilled the voices of the prophets that are being read on every sabbath.<sup>28</sup>And having found no cause of death, they begged Pilate to put him to death.<sup>29</sup> Then when they had finished all these things having been written about him, having taken [him] down from the tree, they put [him] in a tomb.<sup>30</sup>But God raised him out from the dead,<sup>31</sup>who appeared for many days to those having come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now witnesses of him to the people.<sup>32</sup>And we preach the gospel to you, the promise having been made to our fathers, <sup>33</sup>that God has fulfilled to us, their children, having raised up Jesus, as also in the second Psalm it has been written, ‘You are my son, today I have begotten you.’<sup>g 34</sup>And that he raised him out from the dead, surely to return no more to decay, thus he spoke, ‘I will give you the holy [things] of David, the sure [things].<sup>h 35</sup>Therefore in another he also says, ‘You will not allow your holy one to see decay.’<sup>i 36</sup>For indeed David having served God’s purpose in his own generation, fell asleep and was added to his fathers, and saw decay.<sup>37</sup>However, the one God raised up did not see decay.<sup>38</sup> Therefore, men, brothers, let it be known to you that forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you through this one.<sup>39</sup>And from all things from the Law of Moses from which you were not able to be justified, everyone believing in him is justified.<sup>j 40</sup>Therefore take heed lest that having

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<sup>a</sup> Deuteronomy 1:31

<sup>b</sup> I Samuel 4:1

<sup>c</sup> I Samuel 8:5, 9:15-17

<sup>d</sup> Psalm 89:20, I Samuel 13:14

<sup>e</sup> Luke 3:3

<sup>f</sup> Luke 3:16

<sup>g</sup> Psalm 2:7

<sup>h</sup> Isaiah 55:3

<sup>i</sup> Psalm 16:10

<sup>j</sup> This is the only reference to justification through faith in Acts

been said in the prophets might come about:<sup>41</sup>Behold, scoffers, and wonder and parish; For I am working a work in your days, a work that you would not never<sup>k</sup> believe, even if one should declare it to you.<sup>42</sup>Then having departed they [the people] were begging [for] these words to be spoke to them on the next Sabbath.<sup>43</sup>Then having broken up the synagogue, many of the Jews and worshipping converts followed Paul and Barnabas, who speaking to them kept persuading them to continue in the grace of God.

#### Acts 13:44-52

<sup>44</sup>Now on the coming sabbath, almost all of the city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord.

<sup>45</sup>However, the Jews having seen the crowds were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, blaspheming [him].<sup>46</sup>*both and* Paul and Barnabas having spoken boldly said, "It was necessary for the word of God to be spoke to you first, but since you thrust it away and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles."<sup>47</sup>For thus the Lord commanded us: **I have set you for a light of the nations, for you to be [bringing] salvation to the uttermost part of the earth.**<sup>m</sup> <sup>48</sup>Then hearing [this] the Gentiles were rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord and as many as believed were appointed to eternal life.<sup>49</sup>Then the word of the Lord was carried through all of the region.<sup>50</sup>But the Jews incited the worshipping women of honorable position and the chiefs of the city and they stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their district.<sup>51</sup>But having shaken the dust off of the feet against them, they went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup>And the disciples were filled with joy and [the] Holy Spirit.

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<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass according to the same in Iconium, they entered into the synagogue of the Jews and spoke so that *both and* a great number of Jews and Greeks believed.<sup>2</sup>However, the unbelieving Jews stirred up and poisoned the minds of the Gentiles against the brothers.<sup>3</sup>Therefore, they indeed stayed a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, bearing witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done through their hands.<sup>4</sup>Now the multitude of the city was divided and indeed some were with the Jews, however some [were] with the apostles.<sup>5</sup>Then when there was a rush of *both and* Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them, <sup>6</sup>having become aware they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the surrounding region<sup>7</sup>and there they continued preaching the gospel.<sup>8</sup>And in Lystra [there was] a certain man crippled from his mother's womb in [his] feet who had never walked sitting lame.<sup>9</sup>This [man] heard Paul speaking, who having looked intently at him and having seen that he has faith to be healed<sup>10</sup> said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet!" And he sprang up and began to walk.<sup>11</sup>And having seen what Paul had done, the crowds lifted up their voice in Lycaonian saying, "The gods having become like me, have come down to us!"<sup>12</sup> They began calling *both and* Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes<sup>n</sup>, because he was the leading speaker.<sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus being just outside the city *both and* having brought oxen and wreaths to the gates, was desiring to sacrifice with the crowds.<sup>14</sup>However, the apostles Barnabas and Paul having heard [this], having torn their garments, rushed out into the crowd crying out, <sup>15</sup>and saying "Men, why do you do these things? And we are of like nature with you men, proclaiming the gospel to you, to turn from these vanities to [the]

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<sup>k</sup> Double negatives are emphatic in Greek

<sup>l</sup> Habakkuk 1:5

<sup>m</sup> Isaiah 49:6, Luke 2:32

<sup>n</sup> Hermes is the messenger of the gods on Mount Olympus

living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them, <sup>16</sup>who in the past generations allowed all the nations to go their ways.<sup>17</sup> And yet has not left himself without a witness, doing good, giving to your rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling [you] with food and your hearts [with] gladness.”<sup>18</sup>And saying these things hardly [stopped] not the crowds sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup>However, Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds and having stoned Paul, they dragged [him] outside the city, supposing him to have died.<sup>20</sup>However, the disciples having surrounded him, having risen up, he entered into the city. And on the next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.<sup>21</sup>*Both and* having proclaimed the gospel to that city and having discipled many, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch<sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting [them] to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations it behooves us to enter into the Kingdom of God.<sup>23</sup>Now having chosen elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.<sup>24</sup>And having passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia,<sup>25</sup>and having spoken the word Perga, they went down to Attalia.<sup>26</sup>And from there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been committed to the Grace of God for the work they had fulfilled.<sup>27</sup>Now having arrived and having gathered the church together, they began declaring all that God had done with them and that he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.<sup>28</sup>Then they remained no little time with the disciples.

#### Acts 15:1-35

<sup>1</sup>And certain one having come down from Judea were teaching the brothers, “If you are not circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved.”<sup>2</sup> Then having commotion and no small discussion by Paul and Barnabas and certain others out from them [to] go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.<sup>3</sup>Therefore, indeed having been sent forward by the church they were passing through *both and* Phoenicia and Samaria relating in detail the conversion of the Gentiles and they were bringing great joy to all the brothers.<sup>4</sup> *Both and* then having come to Jerusalem they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, they declared all that God had done with them.<sup>5</sup> Now a certain [one] of those of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up saying, “*both and* it is necessary to circumcise them [and] to command them to keep the law of Moses.”<sup>6</sup>*both and* the apostles and elders were gathered together to see about this matter.<sup>7</sup>Now much discussion of [this] having taken place, Peter having risen up said to them, “Men, brothers you know that from the early days, God chose among you [that] by my mouth [for] the Gentiles to hear the word of the gospel and to believe.<sup>8</sup>And the heart knowing God bore witness to them, having given [them] the Holy Spirit, as also to us,<sup>9</sup> *both and* he made not one distinction between us and them, having purified their hearts by the faith.<sup>10</sup> Now why therefore are you testing God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?<sup>11</sup>But we believe to be saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same manner [as] they also [do].”<sup>12</sup>Now all the multitude kept silent and were listening to Barnabas and Paul relating what God had done, signs and wonder by them among the Gentiles.<sup>13</sup> Now after they were silent James answered saying, “Men, brothers listen [to] me.<sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles to take out of [them] a people for his name.<sup>15</sup>And the words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:<sup>16</sup> **I will return after these things and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, and its ruins I will rebuild, and I will set it upright,** <sup>17</sup>**so that the remnant of men may seek out the Lord, and all the nations who are called by my name, says the Lord doing these**

things, <sup>18</sup>known from eternity.<sup>o</sup> <sup>19</sup>Therefore, I judge [we] not trouble those from the Gentiles [who] are turning to God,<sup>20</sup> but to write to them to abstain from the pollutions of the idols and sexual immortality, and that which is strangled and from blood.<sup>21</sup> For from generations of old Moses has in every city [ones] proclaiming him in the synagogues every sabbath [where he is] being read."<sup>22</sup> Then it seemed good to the apostles and to the elders, with all the church having chosen men out from them, to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers,<sup>23</sup> having written by their hand: [To] the apostles and the elders, brothers; to those in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, brothers among the Gentiles, Greetings: <sup>24</sup>*In as much as we have heard that some from us troubled you by words upsetting your minds, to whom we had not given instructions,*<sup>p</sup> <sup>25</sup>*having come with one accord it seemed good to us having chosen men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,*<sup>26</sup> *men having handed over their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*<sup>27</sup> *Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas and by word [of mouth] are telling you the same things.*<sup>28</sup> *For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no further burden upon you, except these necessary things:*<sup>29</sup> *to abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from that which is strangled and from sexual immortality. Keeping yourselves from these things you will do well. Farewell.*<sup>30</sup> Therefore, indeed having been sent off, they went to Antioch and having gathered the multitude, they delivered the letter.<sup>31</sup> Now having read [it] they rejoiced at the encouragement.<sup>32</sup> *both and* Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, by much talk exhorted the brothers and strengthened [them].<sup>33</sup> Then having continued [for] a time, they were sent away from the brothers in peace to those having sent them.<sup>q</sup> <sup>35</sup>However, Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, also with many others proclaiming the good news, the word of the Lord.

Acts 15:36-16:24

<sup>36</sup>Now after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Indeed having turned back let us look after the brothers in every city in which we have announced the word of the Lord [to] see how they are."<sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas proposed to also take along John [who is] called Mark.<sup>38</sup> However, Paul thought it not fit to take along the [one] having gone with then to [do] the work.<sup>39</sup> Therefore, a sharp disagreement arose, so that they separated from one another, and Barnabas having taken Mark, sailed to Cyprus.<sup>40</sup> However, Paul having chosen Silas, went forth having been committed to the grace of the Lord by his brothers.<sup>41</sup> Then he was passing through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

<sup>1</sup>And then he came to Derbe and to Lystra. And behold a certain disciple named Timothy was there, the son of a believing Jewish woman, however his father was Greek, <sup>2</sup>who was well spoken of by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium.<sup>3</sup> Paul wanted this one to go forth with him, and having taken [him] he circumcised him on account of the Jews in these parts for they all knew that his father was Greek.

<sup>4</sup>Then while they were passing through the cities, they were deliver to them to keep the decrees decided on by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup> Therefore indeed the churches were strengthened in faith and were increasing in number everyday.<sup>6</sup> Then having passed through Phrygia and the Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia,<sup>7</sup> then having come down to Mysia they were attempting to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not allow

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<sup>o</sup> v. 16-18 Amos 19:11-12, Jeremiah 12:15, Isaiah 45:21

v.18 some ancient texts add the phrase, "to God all his works are known." Rendering v.18 to read, "to God all his works are known from eternity."

<sup>p</sup> There are two text variations in v.24 one adds "went out" following "some from us" other ancient texts add "saying you must be circumcised and keep the law" following "upsetting your minds"

<sup>q</sup> Some ancient sources add v. 34 "However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there."

them.<sup>8</sup>Then having passed by Mysia, they came down to Troas.<sup>9</sup>During the night a vision appeared to Paul: A certain man of Macedonia was standing and beseeching him and saying, "Having passed over into Macedonia, help us."<sup>10</sup>Now when he had seen the vision, we immediately sought to go forth to Macedonia concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.<sup>11</sup>Then having sailed from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the following day to Nea Polis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is [the] leading city of the district of Macedonia, a colony. Now were staying in this city for some days.<sup>13</sup>The on the day of the sabbath, we went forth outside the city gate, where we thought there to be [a place of] prayer. And having sat down, we began speaking to the women having gathered.<sup>14</sup>And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of [the] city of Thyatira, [one] worshiping God was listening. And the Lord opened [her] heart to attend to the things being spoken by Paul.<sup>15</sup>Then when she was baptized and her house, she begged saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, having entered into my house, abide." And she persuaded us.<sup>16</sup>Now it happened as we were going to the [place of] prayer a certain girl met us, having a spirit of Python<sup>†</sup>, who was bringing her masters much gain by fortune telling.<sup>17</sup>She having followed Paul and us, was crying out saying, "These men are servants of the most high God, who proclaim to you [the] road of salvation."<sup>18</sup>Then she continued this for many days. Then Paul, having been distressed and having turned to the spirit said, "I command you in [the] name of Jesus Christ to come out from her." And it came out [at the] same hour.<sup>19</sup>Now her masters having seen that the hope of their prophet was gone, having taken hold of Paul and Silas, they dragged [them] into the market place before the rulers,<sup>20</sup>and having brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men being Jews exceedingly trouble our city<sup>21</sup> and preach customs that it is not lawful for us to accept not practice being Romans."<sup>22</sup>And the crowd rose up together against them, and the magistrates, having torn off their garments, were commanding they be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup>*both and* many having laid hands on them, they cast [them] into prison having charged the jailer to securely keep them,<sup>24</sup>who have received such an order threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks.

#### Acts 16:25-17:15

<sup>25</sup>Now toward midnight Paul and Silas [were] praying and were singing praises to God. Now the prisoners were listening to them.<sup>26</sup>Then suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Then immediately all the doors were open and all of the chains were loosed.<sup>27</sup>Then the jailer having been awoken, and having seen the doors of the prison open, having drawn his sword he was about to kill himself, supposing the prisoners to have escaped.<sup>28</sup>However, Paul called out in a loud voice saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."<sup>29</sup>Now having called for lights, he rushed in and having become terrified he fell down before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup>And having brought them out he was saying, "What is necessary of me to do that I may be saved?"<sup>31</sup>And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your house."<sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, along with all those in his house.<sup>33</sup>And having taken them [at] that hour of the night, he washed away from [their] wounds. And immediately he was baptized, he and all his house.<sup>34</sup> *both and* having brought them into the house, he laid a table and rejoiced with all [the] household, having believed in God.<sup>35</sup>Then day having come, the magistrates sent the officers saying, "Release those men."<sup>36</sup>The jailer reported these words to Paul: "Having sent the captains so that you maybe let go. Now therefore having gone out, depart in peace."<sup>37</sup>But Paul was saying to them, "Having beaten us publicly,

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<sup>†</sup> A mythical serpent at the Oracle of Delphi that was killed by Apollo. It is associated with divination.

as uncondemned men, being Romans, they cast [us] into prison, and now they throw us out secretly? Indeed, no! Instead, having come themselves let them bring us out.”<sup>38</sup>Then [the jailer] reported these words to the captains [and] the officers. Then they were afraid, having heard that they are Romans.

<sup>39</sup>And having come, they appealed to them and having brought [them] out, they were asking [them] to go out of the city.<sup>40</sup>Then having gone forth out of the prison, they came to Lydia. And having seen [them], they exhorted the brothers and departed.

<sup>1</sup>Then having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia they came to Thessalonica, where [there] was a synagogue of the Jews.<sup>2</sup>Now according to his custom, he went into them, and for three sabbaths he reasoned with them from the scriptures,<sup>3</sup>opening [his mouth] and setting forth that, it behooved the Christ to have suffered and to have risen out from [the] dead and that this is Jesus and that this is Jesus the Christ whom I preach to you.<sup>4</sup>And some of them were obedient and joined themselves to Paul and Silas *both and* a great multitude of worshipping Greeks and not a few of the leading women.<sup>5</sup>Now the Jews having become jealous and having taken [themselves to] certain wicked men of the market-loungers and having collected a crowd, they set the city in an uproar. And having assailed the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people. <sup>6</sup>However, having not found them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers before the city authorities crying out, “The [ones] having upset the world<sup>5</sup>, have also come here,<sup>7</sup>whom has received Jason. And they do all these [things] contrary to the decrees of Caesar, proclaiming [there] to be another king, Jesus.”<sup>8</sup>Then they stirred up the crowd and the city authorities hearing these things.<sup>9</sup>And having taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.<sup>10</sup>And immediately the brothers sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, who having arrived went into the synagogue of the Jews.<sup>11</sup>Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, who received the word with all readiness [and] on every day examining the scriptures [to determine] if these things were so.<sup>12</sup>Therefore, indeed many of them believed and not a few of the prominent Grecian women and men.<sup>13</sup>However, when those Jews from Thessalonica knew that the word of God was also proclaimed in Berea, they came there also stirring up and agitating the crowds.<sup>14</sup>But then immediately the brothers sent Paul away to go as to the sea. *Both and* Silas and Timothy remained there.<sup>15</sup>Now those escorting Paul brought him to Athens. And Silas and Timothy having received a command unto [them] that they should come to him as quickly as possible, they departed.

#### Acts 17:16-34

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his Spirit was provoked in him, seeing the city to be utterly idolatrous.<sup>17</sup>Indeed, therefore he was reasoning with the Jews and those worshipping in the synagogue, and with those meeting [him] in the market place on every day.<sup>18</sup>And some of the Epicureans and Stoics, philosophers encountered him. And some were saying, “What does this blabber desire to say?” However, to others he seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods, because he was proclaiming the gospel of Jesus and the resurrection.<sup>19</sup>*both and* having taken hold of him they brought [him] to the Hill of Ares<sup>t</sup> saying, “Are we able to know this new teaching which is spoken by you?<sup>20</sup>For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore, we wish to resolve to know what things are.”<sup>21</sup>Now all [the] Athenians and the visiting strangers spent their time in nothing else than to tell to and to hear something new.<sup>22</sup>Then Paul having stood [in] the midst of the Hill [of] Ares, he was saying, “Men, Athenians, I behold you to be very religious as in all things.<sup>23</sup>For passing through and beholding your objects of worship, I even found on an altar on which had been inscribed: To an unknown God.

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<sup>5</sup> The Roman Empire

<sup>t</sup> The God of War

Therefore not knowing whom you worship, I proclaim him to you.<sup>24</sup>The God having made the world and the things that [are] in, he being Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in handmade temples<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by the hands of men, as needing anything, himself giving life to all and breath, and all the [things].<sup>26</sup>*both and* he made out of one [man], every nation of men, to dwell upon all the face of the earth, having determined [the] appointed time and the boundaries of their habitation,<sup>27</sup> [that they] should seek God, if perhaps indeed they might feel for him and might find him. And indeed, he is not far from each one of us.<sup>28</sup>For in him we live and move and are. And as some of the poets among you have said, "For we are also his offspring."<sup>29</sup>Therefore, being offspring of God, we ought not to consider the diving being to be like gold or silver or stone, a graven thing of craft and imagination of man.<sup>30</sup>Therefore, God indeed having overlooked the times of ignorance, now he commands all men, everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup>because he set a day in which he is about to judge the world in righteousness, by a man whom he appointed, having provided a guarantee to all, having raised him out from [the] dead."<sup>32</sup>Now having heard of a resurrection of [the] dead, indeed some began to mock. However, some said, "We will hear you concerning even this again."<sup>33</sup>Thus Paul went out from the midst of them.<sup>34</sup>However, some men, believed, having joined themselves to him, and among whom [were] Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and other with them.