Continuing In the Grace of God (Acts 13:14-52)

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INTRODUCTION

- Many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who speaking to them were urging them to continue in the grace of God.
- If you are in Christ, if you have been baptized for the remission of your sins, then you are here today continuing in the grace of God.
- Whatever you do for the Lord, whatever you're commanded to do, whatever you feel obliged to do, whatever you sacrifice to do, why you are here this morning is to celebrate the favor of God.

1 Everyone Who Believes Is Freed From All Things

Acts 13:39

- Everyone who believes is freed from all things.
- If you're in Christ, you've been set free from everything that oppresses you or is harmful to your inner being.
- The devil only has power over you if you let him. His grip, his tyranny has been resolved in the blood of Christ.
- If you continue in the grace of God, he can't defeat you.
- We are the recipients of the favor of God. Nothing owns us any longer.
- Any obstacle bigger than our ability to conquer has been handled by Christ.

2 The Lord's Marvelous Work

Acts 13:41; Psalm 118:22

- Behold, you scoffers and marvel and perish. For I am accomplishing a work in your days. A work which you will never believe, even though someone describe it to you.
- Paul and Barnabas are taking that and making application to all the work of God. All the work of God is astonishing.
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.
- This is the Lord's marvelous work in salvation. That we are allowed to continue in the grace of God.

3 The Devil Will Oppose This

Acts 13:44–45; Acts 13:46–48; Acts 19

- The Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul and were blaspheming.
- Everywhere the gospel went and was proclaimed that people were being saved, the devil was there trying to throw a monkey wrench at the whole thing.
- He doesn't want the gospel to have an effect in your life. He doesn't want your character to become more like Christ.
- The devil will oppose this. Don't ever forget that. And don't be surprised when difficulties come.

4 The Disciples Were Continually Filled With Joy

Acts 13:48; Acts 13:52

- All we're doing is continuing in the favor of God, and we ought to be celebrating that.
- They began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life, believed.
- The disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
- They were continually filled with joy. Does that describe you? Or have you stopped exulting in tribulations and let the tribulations win?
- What happens when people lose their joy over time? Number one, they're not appreciating what they possess in Christ.
- Is your mood driven by circumstances or by what you know you possess in Christ?

THE CHALLENGE

Have you embraced it? The forgiveness of sins that's in Jesus. Have you turned to Him? And if you have done that, do you realize that all we're doing is continuing in the grace of God? And what a privilege it is.

MY NOTES