

MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING

Acts 9:15; Acts 13

I. GOD'S CALLING: Acts 13:2; Acts 9:15

“While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them’.”

“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine...’”

II. PEOPLE GROUP CHOSEN: Acts 9:15; Acts 13:3-5, 13

“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel...’”

“When they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper...Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia...”

Paul...

1st Missionary journey: Antioch, Cyprus, Galatian cities.

2nd Missionary journey: Europe, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth.

3rd Missionary journey: Ephesus, Greece, Asia Minor...from Troas to Miletus to Caesarea.

III. CHURCH'S COMMISSIONING: Acts 13:3

“Then, when they (the church at Antioch) had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”

“If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?”

~David Livingstone (1813 - 1873) Scottish Congregationalist pioneer medical missionary with the London Missionary Society and an explorer in Africa.

“Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” And the Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel...”

~Acts 9:10-15

“Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.”

~Acts 13:1-5