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# Church – The Beginnings, Part 39

## Missions: Sent out by the Holy Spirit – Derbe & Follow-up Acts 14:20-28





“The depravity of man is at once the most empirically verifiable reality but at the same time the most intellectually resisted fact.”

– Malcolm Muggeridge

### Isaiah 59:1-3

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup> But your INIQUITIES have SEPARATED you from your God; and your SINS have hidden His face from you, so that He will NOT hear. <sup>3</sup> For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.

A photograph of John MacArthur, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a red tie. He is standing at a podium, gesturing with his hands as if speaking. The background is dark and out of focus.

Satan continues his efforts to make sin less offensive, heaven less appealing, hell less horrific and the Gospel less urgent.

John MacArthur

The Apostle Paul said,  
“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the **POWER of God unto SALVATION** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek (Gentile).”  
Rom. 1:16

The Apostle Paul, also, said,  
“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **SAVE SINNERS, of whom I am chief.**”

1 Timothy 1:15

**This FOCUS of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – The Message of Salvation through Jesus Christ → is to SAVE SINNERS from their Sin and the Eternal Consequences of their SIN – that is: to SAVE them from the Just and Holy WRATH of God...**

**Jesus did NOT Come to:**

- 1. make your life Better**
- 2. make your life Happy**
- 3. make you a Moral person**
- 4. make your life Easier**
- 5. make your life “Your Best LIFE, Now” as the book title says**  
If so, He'd have to apologize to all the apostles, the early church, and all the persecuted Christians since the book of Acts. (Rev. 6:9-11)
- 6. make you Rich, your life full of Possessions (again, read Luke 14)**
- 7. “Fill that God-shaped void” in your life (that concept is not in the Bible)**
- 8. make you feel good about yourself (give you awesome self-esteem)**
- 9. make you better in your business / professional life**

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**The Message that Barnabas and Saul were proclaiming to the Jews and Gentiles, alike, was this Message of Redemption, Salvation, and New LIFE in the Messiah of Israel, Jesus Christ (Yahshua/Yeshua h'Mashiach). He is both the Messiah of Israel and the Savior of the World (the gentiles/nations)**

**The reason God gave (through the angel) the NAME of the Son of God to be Yeshua (Jesus) → “He will SAVE His People from their SINS” →**

**Yahweh + Hoshea/Hoshua → Yahshua or Yeshua (Matt. 1:18-23)**

**Yahweh is our Salvation / Yahweh is our Savior / I AM your Savior/Salvation**

**There is NO Salvation for Sinners unless they come to the Cross of Christ and DIE and TRUST in the Crucified/Resurrected SAVIOR, Jesus Christ!**

**Acts 4:12 (no other Name given) - Isaiah 59:1-3 (sin separates us from God)**

## Acts 14:20-28

<sup>20</sup> However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he *[Paul]* departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

<sup>21</sup> And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch *[in Pisidia]*, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to CONTINUE in the FAITH, and saying, “We **MUST** through **MANY** TRIBULATIONS enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>23</sup> So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the LORD in whom they had believed. <sup>24</sup> And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup> Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. <sup>26</sup> From there they sailed to Antioch *[in Syria]*, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. <sup>27</sup> Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with *[or through]* them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup> So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

GALATIA

MARMARA SEA

ASIA

AEGEAN SEA

CAPPADOCIA

COMMAGENE

ACHAIA

CARIA

LYCIA

PANPHYLIA

CILICIA

SYRIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PHOENICIA

ABILENE

NABATEA

JUDEA

DEAD SEA

Thessalonica  
Amphipolis  
Philippi  
Neapolis  
Berea  
Apollonia  
Thasos  
Samothrace

Lemnos

Troas

Assos

Lesbos

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Miletus

Laodicea

Colossae

Samos

Patmos

Cos

Rhodes

Euboea

Chios

Corinth

Cenchreae

Sparta

Santorini

Crete

Ankara (Ancyra)

Caesarea

Antioch in Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Attalia

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Paphos

Salamis

Damascus

Sidon

Tyre

Ptolemais (Acco)

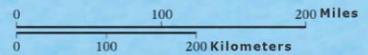
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PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route →

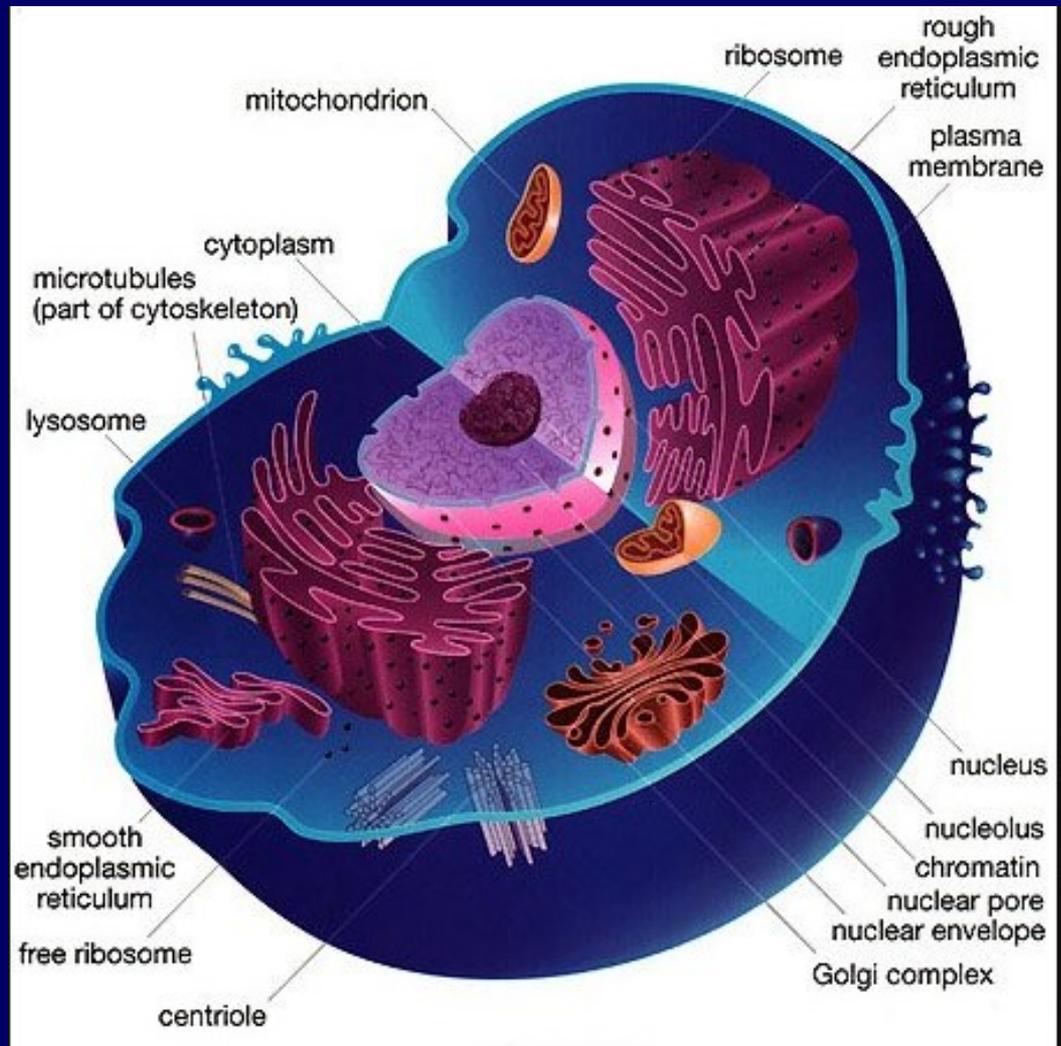
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**Living Cells:  
Extremely Complex,  
Designed, Engineered,  
“Well Planned Out”, “Well  
Thought Out” – They are  
ORGANIZED**

**There is NO Chaos involved.  
We are NOT Confused about  
their purpose - we know that  
they are ORGANIZED for  
LIFE. And so it is with  
EVERYTHING God Creates  
and DOES: It is always filled  
with Beauty, Wonder,  
Complexity & Organization**



# Missions: Sent out by the Holy Spirit – **Derbe & Follow-up**

## 1. **Barnabas & Saul: Continued**

preaching/spreading/sharing **the GOSPEL of Christ**

**No matter the COST ... and they Finished the Course ...**

**→ THEY WERE ORGANIZED**

**The Plan, designed by God, must've been to go through**

**a. Cyprus**

**b. Galatia (and some of the surrounding region)**

**→ their major cities: Antioch (Pisidia), Iconium,  
Lystra, Derbe, and Perga**

**Nothing God does is DISORGANIZED or CONFUSING  
Everything He does is full of DIGNITY and HOLINESS**

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**2. Their Goal was to MAKE Disciples and Plant Churches:**

**When the Gospel was Preached and Sinners Responded in Full Surrender to Christ and Trusted in HIM for their Salvation – Barnabas and Saul gathered them into groups (i.e. churches – “churches” does NOT equal “buildings” – but groups of disciples of Jesus Christ) – again – ORGANIZED them into groups (see Acts 2:42-47 – met publicly and from house to house – continuous simple pattern throughout ACTS).**

**(Matt. 28:18-20 – The Great Commission: make disciples)**

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**3. After Barnabas and Saul finished Planting Churches in that region, they FOLLOWED-UP with those churches.**

**a) Strengthening the Disciples → How?**

**Bible Study/Training & Personal Edification**

**b) Exhortation → Encouragement with Warnings**

**1) Continue in THE FAITH – Trusting in JESUS CHRIST AND the WORD of God – Obeying Christ**

**2) REALITY in Christ → Tribulations and Persecutions are par for the course – are you surrendered?**

**c) Local Church Leadership – Multiple Elders per church  
This seems to be the New Testament Biblical “NORM”**

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4. Accountability with the Sending Church(es) who sent them out (yes, they were sent out by the Holy Spirit).

It was called “The Grace of God” and “The Work of God”

They reported ALL that God had done THROUGH them.

They did not Boast of what They Did – or they Did not Boast in all that they “Helped God out with” ... as if they could “help God” in anything

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**So, today, among Biblical, Protestant, Evangelical churches and their Missionary Agencies ... we see this same Pattern –**

## **The Antioch *Sending-Church* Pattern**

- 1. The Gospel Mission sending – via a church or a collaboration of churches → through much Prayer and Seeking God, candidates rise up, are called and sent out by God. Regions, People Groups, etc. are prayed over and God sends His People to those places.**
- 2. PIONEER, Missionary, Church Planting → Planting Indigenous Churches of the People Groups in which they live. Local Church Leadership is trained, equipped, and appointed in every church.”**
- 3. Accountability with the Sending Church(es) who sent them out Reporting Back what God had done through them ... as well as garnering more support (prayerful and financial), etc.**