**Evangelism in the Book of Acts**

**Points to Consider**

1. The message was consistent and simple
2. The message was divisive
3. The message was instrumental in the growth of the church

**The message was consistent and simple**

**Acts 13:16-40**

Starting with the Exodus, Paul preached **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to his Jewish audience.

His highlights:

* God chose us and brought us out of Egypt.
* We wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.
* The period of the judges lasted 450 years until the time of Samuel.
* The people asked for a king. God gave them Saul.
* God took the kingdom away from Saul and gave it to David to whom he promised that a savior would come from his descendants.
* Jesus is the Savior who did not see corruption.
* John testified of Him.
* The rulers in Jerusalem unwittingly fulfilled every prophecy.
* Jesus, the Christ, brings forgiveness of sins to those who believe.

**Practical Application: We know this story. We are going to use the Our Spiritual Heritage cards for the fair booth. Practice your 2-minute story of the Bible routine.**

**The message was divisive**

**Acts 13:44-52**

The Jews were **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the big crowds that came to hear Paul speak.

Paul and Barnabas were bold when dealing with critics.

The critics didn’t bother Paul and Barnabas. They were filled with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and with the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 13:8-11**

Paul called Elymas a son of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Remember what Peter said to Simon the Sorcerer, “For I see that you are poisoned by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and bound by iniquity."

**Acts 14:1-7**

A great multitude of Jews and Greeks believed, but the unbelieving Jews poisoned the minds of the Gentiles.

The divide was so strong, some wanted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**Acts 14:19-20**

Paul displayed a great deal of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to go back into a city where they just stoned him.

**Matt 10:34-39**

**Practical Application:**

We will be at **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with people because of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

At times we will suffer for being Christians.

**The message was instrumental in the growth of the church**

**Acts 14:21-28**

Paul and Barnabas returned to cities where they had already made many disciples to:

1. Strengthen the souls of the disciples.
2. Exhort them to remain faithful through tribulations.
3. Appoint elders in every church while praying and fasting together.

When they returned to Antioch, they **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to all what God had done with them and how God now accepts the Gentiles.

**Practical Application: When we help one another get to heaven, we are helping God accomplish His desire that all people are saved.**