

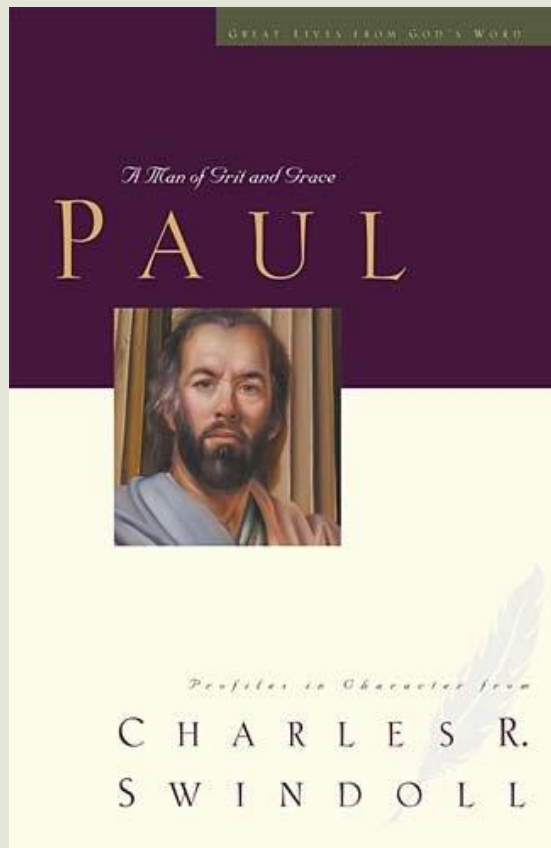
The background is a dark grey chalkboard with various white chalk sketches. On the left, there's a large drawing of a microscope. Above it, a globe of the Earth is sketched. In the bottom left, there's a stack of books. In the bottom center, an open book is shown with some illegible text. On the right, there are sketches of a percentage sign, an exclamation mark, and a right-pointing arrow.

Paul – Lesson 5

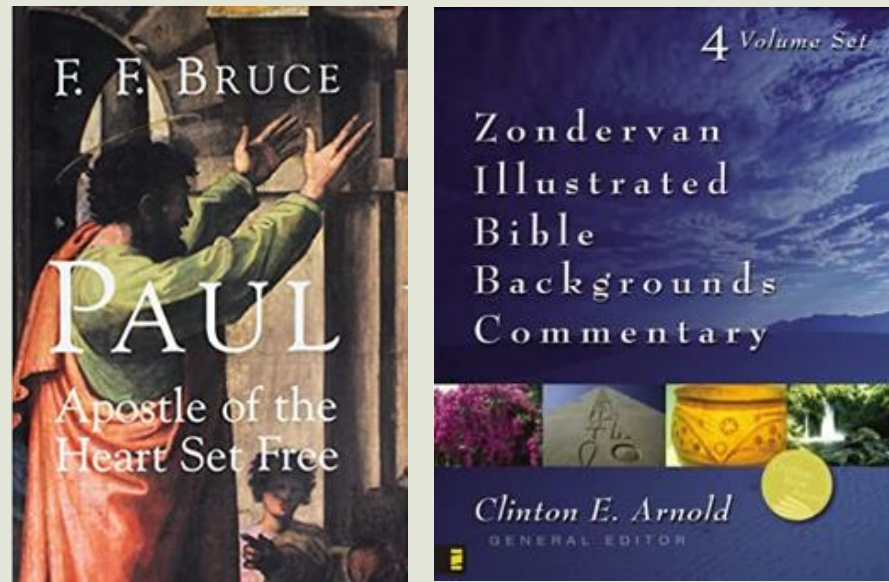
New Testament Studies

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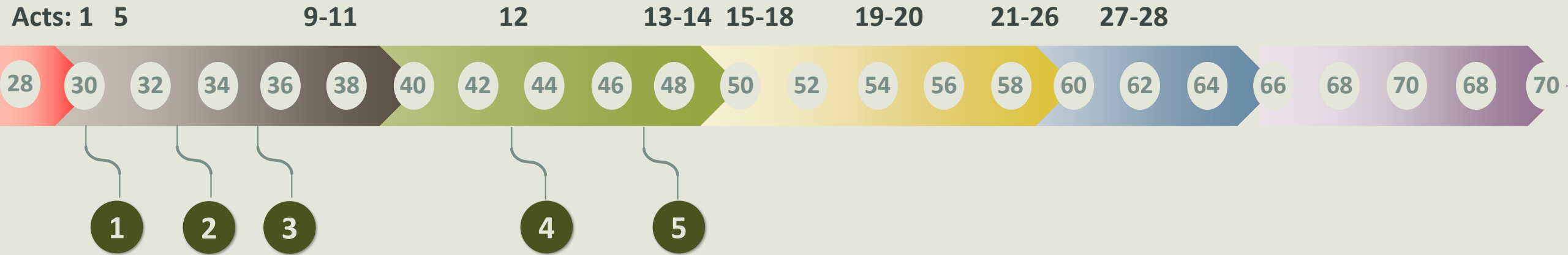
Lesson 5 Intro...

- Acts 11-12 (~ AD 44-45):
 - Paul and Barnabas took the collections from Antioch to Jerusalem – in response to the famine in the area.
 - Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch with Barnabas' cousin, John Mark (Col 4:10)
 - Apostle James had been executed by Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:2)
 - Herod Agrippa had been slain by the Holy Spirit (Acts 12:23)

Acts 13:1-14:28 [NASB]

Christianity's First Missionary Journey

Chronology of Acts / Life & Ministry of Paul



- 1 Ascension – Acts 1
Pentecost – Acts 2
Apostles before Sanhedrin – Acts 5
- 2 Stoning of Stephen – Acts 7
- 3 Paul's Conversion – Acts 9
- 4 Paul to Antioch – Acts 11
- 5 Paul's First Missionary Journey – Acts 13-14

Paul's Ministry Strategy

- Start in the Jewish Synagogues

- Theological: Paul maintains his conviction that the gospel should first be presented to the Jews, then to the Gentiles (Rom 1:16)
- Practical: Gentile proselytes and God-fearers who have already turned from their idols and are seeking the one true God gathers regularly in the synagogues



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Iconium

Miletus

Meander River

Hierapolis

Pisidia

Lystra

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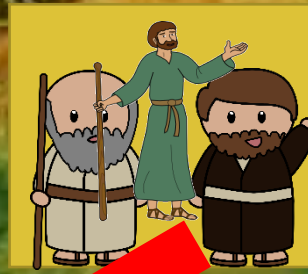
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Acts 13:6

Acts 13:6-12 [NASB]

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Roman Names

- **Praenomen** – an individual’s name identifying the person within the family – similar to our first name (**i.e.. Paul**)
- **Nomen Gentile** – an individual’s family name; similar to our surname
- **Cognomen** – an individual’s additional family name designating a branch of the family; used as the ordinary personal name
- **Supernomen** – an individual’s nick name or “other” name, such as Hebrew Name (**i.e.. Saul**)

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Acts 13:13

In Pamphylia

¹³ From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, **where John left them to return to Jerusalem.**

Acts 13:13 [NASB]

¹³ As you know, **it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you,** ¹⁴ and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.

Gal 4:13-14 [NASB]



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Acts 13:14

Acts 13:14-52 [NASB]

Paul and Barnabas in Pisidian Antioch:

- Visited the Jewish synagogues and participated in the service
- Invited to preach (word of exhortation)
- Preached the Hebrew Bible + ministry of Christ + Gospel Message from memory
 - Acts 13:17 - Genesis and Exodus
 - Acts 13:18 – Numbers
 - Acts 13:19 – Joshua
 - Acts 13:20 – Judges
 - Acts 13:21-22 – Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Chronicles
 - Acts 13:23-25 – Ministry of John the Baptist
 - Acts 13:26-31 – Ministry of Christ
 - Acts 13:32-41 – The Gospel Message

Acts 13:42-46 [NASB]

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.”

Acts 13:47-51 [NASB]

⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.



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Acts 13:51

Acts 14:1-4 [NASB]

14 At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

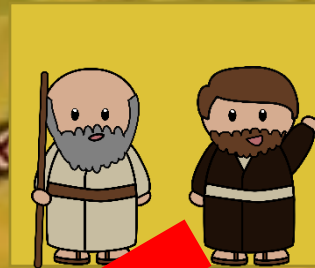
Galatians 3:1-5 [NASB]

3 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed *as* crucified? **2** This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

Acts 14:1-7 [NASB]

Paul and Barnabas in Iconium:

- Visited the Jewish synagogues (as usual)
- Proclaimed the Word so effectively that many Jews and Gentiles believed
- Many who were unconvinced by the preaching was convinced by the signs and miracles



Acts 14:6-8

Acts 14:8-21 [NASB]

Paul and Barnabas in Lystra / Derbe:

- Performed a miracle on a man who had been lame since birth
- Elevated as “gods” by the populace who witnessed the miracle
- Spent energy and effort correcting the record and put the focus back on Christ
- Paul was stoned and thought to have died; Barnabas was spared
- Left for Derbe; preached the message there and won over a large number of disciples (14:21)



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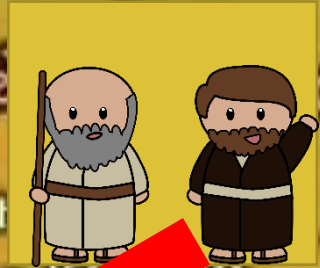
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Acts 14:20

Acts 14:21-28 [NASB]

²¹ After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” ²³ When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. ²⁵ When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. ²⁶ From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished. ²⁷ When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they spent a long time with the disciples.



Acts 14:26

Acts 13:1-14:28 [NASB]

The Marks of an Authentic Ministry

Swindoll's Principles

- Marks of an Authentic Ministry:
 1. Ministry is saturated with the Word of God
 2. Ministry emphasizes the gospel to the lost, and grace to the saved
 3. Ministry maintains a mature God-honoring reaction regardless of outcome
 4. Ministry gives all glory to God

Swindoll's Applications

- We need to examine ourselves to see if we are being saturated with the Word of God as a result of our personal time with Him
- We must make certain our emphasis remains on presenting the Gospel to the lost and grace to the saved
- We should check our responses to mixed reactions, making sure they're mature responses which honor the Lord and keep the focus on His work
- We would be wise to examine our motives for doing the work, making sure at every turn, in every achievement, with every ministry success the glory goes to Him

Questions