

Acts 14:20-28

They Had Opened the Door of Faith to the Gentiles

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Acts 14:19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there [*Lystra*]; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

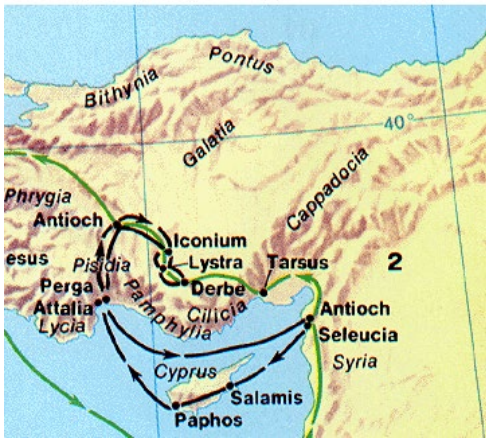
Acts 16:1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

1 Cor 9:19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, **that I might win the more**; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

2 Tim 3:10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra — what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Acts 14:20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up **and went into the city**. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 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." 23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom **they had believed**.

1 Peter 5:1 The **elders** who are among you I exhort, I who am **a fellow elder** and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 **Shepherd** [*verb form of Pastor*] the flock of God which is among you, serving as **overseers** [*third greek word to describe church leadership*], not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the **Chief Shepherd appears** [*Jesus*], you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.



Acts 14:24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. 25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch [*of Syria*], where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. 27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, **and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.** 28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.