The First Journey



Acts 13:1-3 NIV.

[1] Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. [2] While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” [3] So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.



Acts 13:38-39 NIV

38 “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.



Isaiah 59:1-2 NIV

1 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

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Acts 13:44-48 NIV

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. 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.

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Acts 14:14-18 NIV

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they
tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:
15 “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human,
like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn
from these worthless things to the living God, who made the
heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.
16 In the past, he let all nations go their own way. 17 Yet he has
not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by
giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he
provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.”
18 Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd
from sacrificing to them.

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Acts 14:19-20 NIV

19 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won
the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the
city, thinking he was dead. 20 But after the disciples had
gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city.
The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.



Acts 14:21-23 NIV

21 They preached the gospel in that city and won a large
number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium
and Antioch, 22 strengthening the disciples and encouraging
them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many
hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. 23 Paul and
Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with
prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they
had put their trust.

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Acts 15:4-5 NIV

4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

5 Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.”



Acts 15:6-11 NIV

6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question. 7 After
much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them:
“Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice
among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the
message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the
heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit
to them, just as he did to us. 9 He did not discriminate
between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. 10
Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks
of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been
able to bear? 11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our
Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

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Acts 15:13-20 NIV

13 When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said,
“listen to me. 14 Simon[a] has described to us how God first
intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.
15 The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is
written:

16 “‘After this I will return
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.
Its ruins I will rebuild,
and I will restore it,
17 that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who bear my name,
says the Lord, who does these things’—
18 things known from long ago.

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Acts 15:19-21 NIV

19 “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it
difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. 20 Instead we
should write to them, telling them to abstain from food
polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of
strangled animals and from blood. 21 For the law of Moses has
been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read
in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”



Communion



Romans 15:5-7 NIV

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give
you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ
Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in
order to bring praise to God.

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Colossians 3:13-14 NIV

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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