

# Ministry to the World, Converts and the Home Church

Acts 14:21-28

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## I. Ministry to the Lost World

\* If God had not sent the Gospel to them or us He would be totally good and j\_ \_ \_ . It is all of grace when He sends It to anyone. (Act.14:16,21)

1) To preach the Gospel is to preach the forgiveness of a\_ \_ of one's sins through Jesus Christ the Lord. (Act.13:38-39)

2) To preach the Gospel is to preach to the sinner f\_ \_ \_ acceptance by God into His o\_ \_ family, with all the rights and privileges as a son. (Rom.8:15-17; Luk.15)

3) In the Gospel is being offered fellowship with G\_ \_ . (1Jo.1:3-4)

4) In the Gospel is promised an abundant life n\_ \_ . (Joh.10:10; Eph.2:1-3; 5:3-7; Gal.5:22-23)

5) In this Gospel is being preached to you an abundant life with the Lord that will n\_ \_ \_ r end. With death it just gets better! (Joh.11:26; 1Co.2:9; Phi.1:21)

\* To make known this glorious Gospel to the world was their privilege and obligation, and it is o\_ \_ s now! (Mat.28:18-20)

## II. Ministry to the Converts

1) They n\_ \_ \_ ed to be strengthened in the faith, as do all converts. (Act.14:22; Luk.21:31-32; Joh.21:15-17; Act.15:32,41; 18:23; 20:31-32; Eph.4:11-16)

2) All believers need to be exhorted - passionately called forth, u\_ \_ \_ d on to continue in the faith. (Act.14:22)

a) This continuing on (perseverance) in the faith (sound doctrine) is a mark of being a t\_ \_ \_ convert. (Joh.8:31; Col.1:21-23)

b) We need this exhortation because..."we must through m\_ \_ \_ tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." (Act.14:22; Joh.16:33; Mat.11:12;13:20-21; 16:24-25; 19:27-29)

c) This exhortation is the responsibility of e\_ \_ \_ y believer. (Heb.10:25; 3:11-14)

3) All believers need a p\_ \_ t\_ \_ . This is the Lord's plan for the continued care of His flocks. (Act.14:23; Eph.4:11-13; 1Pe.5:2-3; Heb.13:17)

## III. Ministry to the Church that Sent Them

1) The Relationship (They were a p\_ \_ \_ of them) (Act.14:26; 13:1-5; 1Ti.3:1-7; 2Co.3:1-2)

2) The Reporting (They told what G\_ \_ had done by them – He gets all the glory!) (Act.14:26; 13:2; 14:16; 2Co.2:12; Act.11:18; 16:14; 1Co.3:5-10; 15:10)

3. The Rest (Missionaries need ref\_ \_ \_ \_ ment with their church and rest from their travels and hardships of mission work). (Act.14:28)