

SENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 13:4-12

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In verse 9 we learn that Saul's name was changed to Paul. In next week's preparation we will see the significance of this.

BARNABAS AND SAUL PROCLAIMED THE WORD OF GOD. It is by hearing God's Word that people are saved. (Acts 13:4,5, fn 13:4, John 5:24, 25, fn 5:25, I Corinthians 1:17, 18, fn 1:17[2nd], I Corinthians 2:1-5, fn 2:1-5, I Thessalonians 2:13, fn 2:13, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12, Romans 10:14-17, fn 10:14, 15) *Why must God's Word be proclaimed to you and by you?*

PAUL AND BARNABUS DENOUNCED ELYMAS THE SORCERER. "Christianity has nothing to do with the magic and superstition of this world; its power, the power of the Word and Spirit, overcomes them all." John B. Polhill, The New American Commentary, Vol. 26, Acts, p. 294. (Acts 13:6-10, fn 13:10, Deuteronomy 18:10, fn 18:10, Malachi 3:5, Revelation 21:6-8, Matthew 7:15-20, fn 7:15, James 4:7, 8, fn 4:7, Ephesians 4:27) *Why does God hate sorcery, horoscopes, fortune telling, and the like?*

PAUL AND BARNABAS AMAZED SERGIUS PAULUS by the power of the Holy Spirit and the teaching about the Lord. It was because of this that the proconsul believed. (Acts 13:11-12, Acts 15:7, 8, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, John 3:16-18, fn 3:16[3rd], John 6:28, 29, fn 6:28, 29, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6 [1st]) *How have you found the Word of the Lord to be amazing?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?