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— TO —
PAUL

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**The Name
Says it All**

The City of the Commission

Acts 11:19-21 19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.



- **Acts 11:20-21** **20** But there were some of them, men of **Cyprus and Cyrene**, who **came to Antioch** and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.
- **21** And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.



Jews (Acts 2)

Samaritans (Acts 8)

Proselyte (Acts 8)

Uncircumcised Family (10)

Uncircumcised Church (11)

- **Acts 1:8** but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and even to the **remotest part of the earth.**” NASU

Acts 13:1

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, **prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.** NASU

ANTIOCH

- **Barnabas** (Wealthy Jew),
- **Simeon** (Jewish name, “the black”),
- **Lucius** (Roman name, of Cyrene),
- **Manaen** (foster-brother of Herod Antipas - killed John),
- **Saul** (Jew - persecuted Christians)

Prophets & Teachers:

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- **Acts 11:22-23 22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. NASU**
- **Acts 4:36-37 36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means **Son of Encouragement**), 37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. NASU **Cf. Acts 9:27 (Saul)****

- **Acts 11:22- 23** Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and **began to encourage them** all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; **24** for he was a **good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith**. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

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- **Acts 11:25-26**
- **25 And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. NASU**

THE COMMISSION

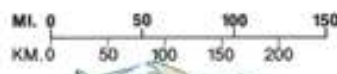
- **Acts 13:2-3**
- **2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me **Barnabas and Saul** for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

Fulfilling the Commission

- Acts 13:4-5
- 4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the **word of God in the synagogues** of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper. NASU



1 & 2 Thessalonians written from Corinth



- **Acts 13:6-8**
- **6** When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish **false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus**,
- **7** who was with the proconsul, **Sergius Paulus**, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. **8** But **Elymas the magician** (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. NASU

THE CHANGE IN CONDITION

Acts 13:9

But **Saul**, who was also known as **Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,

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***Having multiple names was not uncommon**

***Jews and Greeks usually used one name**

***Saul: Name of first king of Israel**

***Some say he adopted the proconsul's name:**

Sergius Paulus

***Would be unusual to do so (usually the reverse)**

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***Paul was a Roman citizen**

***Possible father or grand-father was a freed slave:**

-But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. (6:9) [cf. "Saul" in Acts 7:58]

-Obtained Citizenship, Took Patron's Name

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***Roman citizen typically had 3 names (Latin)**

-Preanomen (formal) – cf. Gaius, Lucius, Titus

-Nomen (tribe, patron) – cf. Cornelius, Julius

-Cognomen (common) – cf. Lysius, Paulus

-cf. Sergius (nomen) Paulus (cognomen)

***Would have been born with his name (22:28)**

- Acts 13:9-10
- 9 But **Saul**, who was also known as **Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him, 10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?
- ("Bar-Jesus" – 13:6; "Crooked" – cf. Jh 1:23)

- **Acts 13:11**
- "Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and **you will be blind** and **not see the sun** for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand. (**cf. Acts 9:8-9**)

THE CHANGE IN CONDITION

- Acts 13:12
- 12 Then the **proconsul believed** when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.
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- Sir William Ramsey discovered a monument in Antioch which contains the name of “Sergia Paula.” It is believed to be the daughter of Sergius Paulus. Some evidence that she may have been a Christian (Jackson, 153).

THE CHANGE IN CONDITION

• Acts 13:13 Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem. NASU

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PAUL

Exceptions: Acts 22, 26 in quotes

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***“Barnabas & Saul” –**

11:30; 12:25; 13:1, 7

***“Saul & Barnabas/Companions”**

Acts 13:13, 42, 46

Exceptions: Acts 14:12, 14; 15:12, 25

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WHY?

- **Crude?:** “Saulos” in Greek referred to the walk of a prostitute
- **Change?:** Wanted to leave his past
- **Cause?:** New work among Gentiles



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WHY I SHOULD CHANGE?

- **Crude:** My old life of sin is inappropriate for a child The King
- **Change:** We are to leave our past
- **Cause:** We now work for Jesus

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