



Coming Face to Face with the TRUTH

Acts 13:42-52

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- How did the people of Antioch respond to Paul's preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- When they came face to face with the truth, the responses were varied. In fact, the responses 2,000 years ago were very much the same as what we can expect to see today in people.
- Let's examine four responses from the people who heard the apostle Paul preach. Every one of us falls into one of these four categories of people.

First, there were _____. vs. 42-44

- When a person shows an interest in the gospel, this does not signify conversion or salvation, but it is the _____ step.
- *"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."* **Isaiah 55:6**

Second, there were _____. vs. 45-47

- The Bible says that they *"spake against"* Paul's words, *"contradicting."*
 - ⇒ This word, *"contradicting,"* means "disputing; refusing."
 - ⇒ In other words, they were arguing with Paul.
- How did Paul respond to these rejecters? vs. 46-47
- Paul _____ from these unbelieving Jews and turned his attention to the Gentiles who **were** seeking God's truth.
- What caused these people to reject God's truth? Envy, which is a form of _____.

- *“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.” Psalm 10:4*

Third, there were _____ . vs. 50-52

- *“Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city.” Matthew 23:34*
- *“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12*
- *“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” Matthew 5:11-12*

Fourth, there were _____ . vs. 48-49

- Of the Gentile seekers in verse 42, many became acceptors! There must come a moment in time when you make a choice of your _____ to receive God’s truth and believe on Jesus Christ.
- The only ones ordained or appointed to eternal life are those that hear and _____ God’s Word.
- *“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he _____ to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.” John 1:11-12*
- *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16*