

Acts 13:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Analysis

Paul's direct address - 'Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God' - includes both ethnic Jews and God-fearing Gentiles. His proclamation 'to you is the word of this salvation sent' emphasizes that the gospel comes as divine message, not human invention. The phrase 'sent to you' indicates both priority and responsibility - first opportunity brings first accountability.

Historical Context

This Pisidian Antioch sermon represents Paul's typical synagogue preaching: beginning with Jewish history, culminating in Jesus as Messiah. His inclusion of God-fearers (Gentiles attracted to Judaism) foreshadowed the gospel's universal reach.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing the gospel as 'sent to you' specifically change your sense of responsibility to respond?
2. What does the inclusion of both Jews and God-fearing Gentiles teach about the gospel's expanding scope?

Interlinear Text

Ἄνδρες	ἀδελφοί	υἱοὶ	γένους	Ἀβραὰμ	καὶ	οἱ	
Men	and brethren	children	of the stock	of Abraham	and	G3588	
G435	G80	G5207	G1085	G11	G2532		
ἐν	ὑμῖν	φοβούμενοι	τὸν	θεόν	ὑμῖν	ὁ	λόγος
whosoever among	to you	feareth	G3588	God	to you	G3588	the word
G1722	G5213	G5399		G2316	G5213		G3056
τῆς	σωτηρίας	ταύτης	ἀπεστάλη				
G3588	salvation	G3778	is				
	G4991		G649				

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 46:13 (Salvation): I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

Luke 1:77 (Salvation): To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Luke 1:69 (Salvation): And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

Acts 10:35 (Parallel theme): But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Acts 5:20 (Word): Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 13:43 (References God): Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 4:12 (Salvation): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 13:46 (Word): Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

Colossians 1:5 (Word): For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Ephesians 1:13 (Salvation): In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,