

<p><b>Food for Thought</b> This Thurs 9th Jan. Guest Speaker is Charles Blizzard . Starts at 2.30pm.</p>	<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> this Friday 10th January <b>'Club Night'</b> See Amy or Claudia for more info</p>
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<p><b>Food Bank-Needs are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaving Foam</li> <li>• Blue UHT Milk</li> <li>• Pasta Meals</li> <li>• Wet Cat Food</li> <li>• Tin Potatoes</li> <li>• Baby Wipes</li> <li>• Cereals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exploring Christianity.</b></p> <p>Six steps to a fuller understanding of the Christian faith.</p> <p>Free meal at 6.30pm with a meal, followed by a short talk with a Questions &amp; Answers session. Run on each Tuesday night. Starts 14th Jan 2020 until Feb18th @ Emmanuel Baptist Church. ask Charles for more</p>
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A group of people meet for **Prayer on a Mon morning 9-9.30am** in the church. You are most welcome to join them or pass on prayer requests to Angie Godfrey or Jeff Mount

**Men's Prayer Group**  
Prayer meeting for men every Tuesday morning at 7am for 45 minutes in the prayer room.

**Next Community Roast : Sunday 26th January**

**10.30am**            **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

*Main Door*        Bryan Green

*Inner Door*       Barry & Betty Hearn

*Easy Worship*    Doreen Fraser

*Teas & Coffees*   Terry & Lynne Pellow/ Chris & Wendy Tabb

**Sunday 12th January 2020**

**10.30am** Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?**

Email [housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk](mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk) and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

**WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?**

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

Acts 13 v 13-52

Introduction :

Paul and Barnabas leave Cyprus, and land in what we call Turkey, which the Romans call Asia Minor. They do not stay on the coastal plains, but go into the Interior and arrive at Pisidan Antioch. Why begin there? It's because Paul fell ill and had to move from the mosquito infested plains of the west to an area 4000ft above sea level. They begin to preach in the synagogue and Paul speaks about the history of Israel. This particular sermon is the fullest report that we have of any of Paul's sermons in Acts.

What is the theme that ties the sermon together? It's this, Paul is preaching about God : 21 times in this passage Paul says 'God' - God who is the acting, living God working in space and time, involved with and intervening in human history. There are three parts to Paul's sermon :-

### 1) Israel

- A summary of Israel's history from Moses to David, a period of about 500 years is given.
- Paul is starting with things they are familiar with. He talks about God before he talks about Jesus.
- Paul begins his message by telling his hearers what God has already done for them.

### 2) Paul proclaims Jesus as Saviour.

- Paul speaks of John the Baptist, who preached repentance and baptism.
- Paul then speaks of Jesus. Do note there is no mention of Jesus' teaching or his miracles. Paul talks about two things. Jesus died, and Jesus was raised from the dead.
- Notice how carefully Paul speaks - The Apostles never say Jesus rose from the dead, they always say God raised Him from the dead.
- Notice how Paul offers both the negative and the positive. He warns them of the consequences of rejecting what he has said, and the positive - forgiveness of sins.

- Paul used the word 'justified' to explain/describe what God has done through Jesus . Justified is a concept taken from the law courts and means being declared righteous before God, declared innocent.

### 3) Response

- Whenever the Gospel is preached, we must be aware that there will be division. There will always be a mixed reaction.
- There comes a time when people have made up their minds to reject the Gospel, it is at that moment, that we 'move on'.
- Notice how it all ends, that whatever the reactions have been, the disciples have done what God asked them to do, whatever the cost, whatever the reaction, and Luke says, 'they were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit'.

### POINTS TO PONDER :

- 1) Share your reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) How do you explain such a variety of responses to Paul's preaching?
- 3) How do you think Paul who respond to a modern day sceptic who felt Jesus was a noble, but misguided martyr? What role would the Old Testament play in Paul's answer?