

Preserving the Harvest

Acts 14.21-28

1. PREACHING, vs 21,25

- **a universal audience**
 - Jews, gentiles 13.16**
 - individuals 13.7, crowds 14.8-9**
 - cities, 13.14, villages 14.6**
 - responsive 13.43, hostile 14.19**
 - God's good news is for everyone!**
- **a divine message**
 - the word of God 13.5,7,44,46,48**
 - Gal 1.11-12; 1 Cor 20-25**
- **God's good news**
 - Jesus fulfils God's promises**
 - to his people 13.23,33**
 - God's kindly nature 14.17**
 - turn to this God 14.15**
 - for forgiveness 13.38**
 - salvation 13.26,47 life 13.46**

- don't reject God's grace 13.40

- **faith comes from hearing
the message Rom 10.11-17**

2. STRENGTHENING, vs 21-22

- **Paul established churches**
 - by teaching people well v22**
 - 1 Thess 2.11-12; 3.4; 4.1-2**
 - 2 Thess 2.5; 3.6; Gal 1.6-7**
 - by urging loyalty to Christ v22; 4.12**
 - by warning life would be tough v22**
 - Gal 6.17; 2 Tim 3.10-12**
 - Luke 8.13; Mat 13.21**
 - John 15.18-20; 16.1-4**
 - by appointing caring leaders v23**
 - by praying for God's protection v23**
 - John 6.39; Phil 1.6**

3. REPORTING, vs 24-28

- **feedback to sending church Mk 6.30**
praise for what God had done