



Acts 14:23-28
**The Gospel Spreads,
Churches Strengthened**

by Bob DeWaay
March 8, 2020

Appointing Elders, Trusting God

Acts 14:23 (NASB)

When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

- Apostles appointed elders for Lystra, Iconium, and Pisidian Antioch
- There is no “world headquarters” that will exercise authority over these churches
- What unites the churches is the teachings of the apostles who speak for Christ

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

2

The Gospel Spreads

Acts 14:24-26 (NASB)

They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

- “Having spoken the word” says it all!
- They preached the gospel everywhere
- “Commended” shows that they believed God would keep them safe in His grace

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

3

Back to Antioch

Acts 14:27-28 (NASB)

When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they spent a long time with the disciples.

- This Luke’s summary, many details would have been included in this report
- This is about what God had graciously done through the apostles
- Gentiles are being added to the church

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

4