

The Conclusion of Paul's First Sermon

“Drawing the Next”

Acts 13:30-44

Introduction:

- The first sermon of Paul
- Like Peter and Stephen he placed Christianity in its full Old Testament context.
- “The law, the prophets and Christ”
- Paul had moved from Abraham all the way through Christ, His death and resurrection, to the Apostles and to himself

v 30. Christ is spoken of as “the Good News” of the Davidic Promise

- v 33. Paul quotes Psalm 2 to support this assertion.
- David prophesied of the resurrection.
 - God would enthrone the Messiah as His king.
 - “Today” was the day of the resurrection where Christ was declared the true son (Rom. 1:4) and would begin His reign.

vv 35-37. And thus according to Paul this victory over death was the “certain blessing of David.”

Because David prophesied that even his hope was Messiah's resurrection.

v 38. And thus God is able to extend forgiveness.

- v 39. And we are “justified from all things.”
- i.e. “freed by virtue of being justified”
 - How? Simply through belief
 - The law could do many things but it could not justify us.

vv 40-41. Paul ends with a warning of the certain judgment that will follow unbelief.

- God has done a work beyond your wildest dream.
- A horrific result will follow unbelief.
- Thus Paul's survey ends with judgment.

vv 42-44. Here are the 3 results of true gospel preaching.

v. 42 longing to hear more
v. 43 belief
v. 44-45 scorn

Conclusion: