

## Today's Worship at Zion

### Introduction

The truth hurts

Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)

Christians reasoned, refuted & preached the Gospel

### Part 1 - What do we see? Different responses to the Truth

Positive

Beg, follow, rejoice, glorify, be filled with joy

There is value in the message!

Negative

Jealous, contradict, revile, incite, persecute, drive out

There is opposition to the message!

### Part 2 - What do we learn? Choose your battles

Look for opportunities

Paul and Barnabas in the synagogue

Don't underestimate the power of God!

Be prepared to answer

Proclaimed the relevance of Christ

Be ready to move on

Turned to the Gentiles

Shook the dust off their feet

Titus 3:9-11

### Conclusion

Speak the truth in love, with meekness and fear

### The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2010

Pre-Service Meditation: Colossians 4:5-6 (NKJV)

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

Today's Hymns: 239; 496; 331; 13

Service: Order of Communion Service (Liturgy Pamphlet p. 9)

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 85:1-9,13 (NKJV)

P: LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;

C: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

P: You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

C: You have covered all their sin.

P: You have taken away all Your wrath;

C: You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

P: Restore us, O God of our salvation,

C: And cause Your anger toward us to cease.

P: Will You be angry with us forever?

C: Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

P: Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?

C: Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

P: I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints;

C: But let them not turn back to folly.

P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,

C: That glory may dwell in our land.

P: Righteousness will go before Him,

C: And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)*

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 14:6-20 (ESV)*

6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? 7 If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? 8 And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? 9 So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, 11 but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. 12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. 13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What am I to do? I will pray with my

spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. 16 Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? 17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. 18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. 20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Sermon Text: *Acts 13:42-52 (ESV)*

42 As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. 43 And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God. 44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.