Northwest Bible Church - June 23, 2019 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 13:1-3**

*The Activation of Paul*

Intro

**A. THE SHIFT FROM PETER TO PAUL.**

 1. Luke is a Gentile and Paul is the “apostle to the Gentiles” (Rom. 11:13; Acts 9:15).

 2. Luke has a special interest in God’s grace to Gentiles.

 3. Luke’s focus on Paul may be due to his conversion through Paul. Acts 16:10-11.

**B. THE SHIFT FROM JERUSALEM TO ANTIOCH (Acts 13:1).**

 1. The establishment of the church at Antioch - Acts 11:19-26.

 2. The leaders of the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1).

 a. Prophets and teachers -

 b. Individual leaders named.

 Barnabas -

 Simeon, called Niger -

 Lucius of Cyrene -

 Manaen, brought up with Herod the tetrarch -

 Saul -

**C. THE MINISTRY OF MISSIONS (Acts 13:2-3).**

 1. The church in worship (Acts 13:2).

 a. Ministering/Serving/worshipping -

 b. Fasting - (Twice - Acts 13:2-3).

 2. The commissioning of Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:2-3).

 a. By the HS - The Sovereign Spirit directs the ministry.

 b. By the church - Fasting, prayer, laying on of hands, sending away.

Conclusion