

THE TRUE GOSPEL

100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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WE MUST ENTER THE KINGDOM THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION

Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, [and] exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the **KINGDOM OF GOD**.

Note: The context of this scripture begins in verse 1. Paul and Barnabas were in Iconium preaching together in the synagogue and many Jews and Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and the city was divided. Part held with the Jews and part with the apostles. When the believing Gentiles and Jews were assaulted and stoned, they fled to Lystra and Derbe and preached the gospel there.

In Lystra, when Paul healed a cripple, the people called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius and wanted to do sacrifice to them. Paul tried to convince them to worship God who made Heaven and earth. Then certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, stoned Paul and drew him out of the city, supposing he was dead. But the disciples stood around him and he rose up.

Then he and Barnabas went to Derbe and preached the gospel.

Then they returned again to Lystra, and Iconium where they confirmed the souls of the disciples they had made and exhorted them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. They ordained elders in every church, prayed with fasting, and commended them to the Lord on whom they believed.

As we see in these scriptures, the new converts in Iconium and Lystra experienced great persecution because of their faith, and Paul himself was stoned to death. Paul exhorted them that we must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God. And in spite of whatever tribulation we must endure, we must continue in the faith to the end. 'The faith' here can be defined as the body of beliefs of the truth of God and also the belief in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The reward of entering God's everlasting Kingdom is far greater than whatever we must suffer in this life.

* Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.