

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: The Triumph of Truth
Text: Acts 13:4-12 (AM 10/14/07)

We've read the conclusion of the book and we know the outcome. Satan is eternally vanquished and the Saints enjoy everlasting victory! However, there are chapters in the story yet to write. If *truth is to triumph* the church in every age must remain vigilant in it's prosecution of perversion.

I. The Church – A Dynamic Presence (4-5)

Jesus is faithfully building and protecting His Church

- Our foundation (5) – *the Word*
- Our function (1-4) – *the Work*
- Our fruit (12) – *the Witness*

II. The Corruption – A Deadly Perversion (6-8 & 10)

The father of lies longs to divide and delude the church

- It's origin (10b) – *“son of the devil”*
- It's operation (10a) – *“full of deceit”*
- It's outcome (10c) – *“perverting the straight ways of the Lord”*

III. The Confrontation – A Deliberate Process (9)

Believers must defend the faith and the Fellowship

- Confront the culprit (10c) – *“looked intently at him”*
- Confront with confidence (10a) – *“who is also called Paul”*
- Confront with Courage (10b) – *“filled with the Holy Spirit”*

IV. The Conclusion – A Dramatic Promise (11-12)

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world! (1 John 5:4)

- The perversion is defeated (11)
- The proconsul is delivered (12a)
- The people are dumbfounded (12b)

Application to life: Are you a champion for truth? Do you cherish doctrinal integrity, congregational harmony and evangelistic fervor? Let's purpose together to be *Christ's champion for truth*.