



They Sent Them Off
Acts 13:3

apo • stello – sent to some place
or some one **different**

- ✓ Differences create **awkwardness** and **fear**
- ✓ When accentuated, differences create **hostility**

HOSTILITY

- ignorance that this difference is nonthreatening
- awareness that this difference is unfavorable
(toward me)
- satanic influence because the DIFFERENCE
is of God

Ps. 53:4 – Evildoers... devour my people
(*persecution*)

Ps. 53:5 – overwhelmed... When there is nothing
to dread (*ignorance*)

Missionaries have gone forth
with various motives and methods.

When HEARTS change, good external changes will follow

The presence of Christian missionaries
has never **caused** persecution

LIGHT and LOVE are **not** **provocative.**

IS “SENDING” STILL APPROPRIATE/RIGHT?

We do not **call** missionaries. God does.

Paul sent letters but he also longed/planned/labored to visit “foreigners” face to face.

NOTHING replaces a living person/presence.

(Romans 10)

1. SENT

2. **SOMEONE** PREACHING

3. HEARING

4. FAITH

If we fail to obey God out of fear
of aggravating the Devil, we have
missed our own calling.