

ACTS

What Happened at Antioch

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Acts 11:19-26

The Gospel Penetrates the Gentile World!

Whether thru _____ obedience, or thru God-ordained _____ and resulting _____, the result is this:

"... Then to the Gentiles also **God has granted** repentance that leads to life". (Acts 11:18b)

From _____ to _____!

From ' _____ ' to ' _____ '!

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The critical component in it all? _____!

In persecution ...

In preaching ...

In believing ...

Literally, "the _____ added to the _____ ..."

Therefore, we are _____, _____, and _____ in our obedience ...

Barnabas' Challenge:

Recognizing "the grace of God" (how?), Barnabas "exhorted" (what?) the new believers in Antioch to:

1) _____

2) _____

To those two ends, Barnabas brings in Saul for the purpose of _____.

The fruit of intentional discipleship is people begin to look and live like _____.

Epilogue: Some evidence of transforming faith

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ So the disciples *determined*, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰ And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11:27-30

My response today: