

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



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Message Title: A Church is Planted

Message Text: Acts 11:19-21

Introduction:

The church in Antioch of Syria gained the reputation for sending out missionaries to the uttermost parts of the earth. This was the Apostle Paul's sending church. Humanly speaking, without this church and their obedience to the great commission of Christ, Paul could not have made the status report to the church at Colossae (1:5-6) that the gospel was preached and having impact in all the world. This means that within twenty years of Pentecost, the early churches had obeyed the great commission. The believers at the church of Antioch played a significant role in the work of missions. As we begin mission weeks, let's consider the church at Antioch.

1. It was the Result of _____ (19)

Acts 11:19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

Acts 8:1-5 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he



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made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. 4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

DEFINITION—HAVOCK: to lay waste to; to cause extensive destruction or ruin utterly.

Matthew 5:11–12 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

QUOTE: The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. —Tertullian (155-240 AD)

2. It was the Result of _____ (20)

Acts 11:20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

DEFINITION—SPAKE: *to talk of, speak, (talk in conversation)*

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: And there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

DEFINITION—GRECIANS: Gentiles
(*Not the same as 6:1; Hellenized Jews*)

DEFINITION—PREACHED: to convey the Gospel; to bring the good news concerning the now present instantiation of Jesus' divine dominion and way of salvation by His death and resurrection.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Mark 1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Romans 10:13–17 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

3. It was the Result of _____ (21)

Acts 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

HAND OF THE LORD — blessing, help, enablement

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

GREAT NUMBER —*Antioch could have had a population between 100,000 and 300,000.*

TURNED UNTO THE LORD

QUOTE: Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind. We are useless. — Charles H. Spurgeon

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Conclusion

