

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Wednesday, September 11, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

**Message Title: A Church is Planted**

**Message Text: Acts 11:19-21**

### **Introduction:**

The church at Antioch in Syria was an amazing work of God. It was the result of persecution, preaching and the power of God. The reports of what God had done among the Gentiles in Antioch and the planting of a church quickly spread all the way back to Jerusalem. The believers at Jerusalem were eager to be involved in what God was doing and so they sent one of their most beloved members to encourage the believers in Antioch in their new faith. The immediate impact of their action was a new church was edified and because of that, the Gospel spread globally. Let's continue to learn from the story of Antioch and ask God to help us in the same way.

## **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church at Jerusalem (22)**

### **A. They \_\_\_\_\_ to the Report (22a)**

*Acts 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem...*

DEFINITION—TIDINGS: short account; report

NOTE — The report was of a great number of Gentiles turning to Jesus in faith.



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## B. They \_\_\_\_\_ into the Opportunity (22b)

*Acts 11:22 ...and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.*

DEFINITION—SENT FORTH: to dispatch; to send away towards a designated goal or purpose.

NOTE — Antioch was 310+ miles away from Jerusalem?

*Acts 4:36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,*

QUOTE: Watch and see where God is working and join Him. —Henry Blackaby

QUOTE: You cannot stay where you are and go with God. You cannot continue doing things your way and accomplish God's purpose in His ways. Your thinking cannot come close to God's thoughts. For you to do the will of God, you must adjust your life to Him, His purposes, and His ways. —Henry Blackaby

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Barnabas at Antioch (23-34)

### A. He \_\_\_\_\_ with Excitement (23)

*Acts 11:23a Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad...*

*Lamentations 3:51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city;*

GRACE OF GOD — the outworking of God's goodwill

*1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

**B. He \_\_\_\_\_ with Exhortation (23b-24)**

*Acts 11:23b-24 ...and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*

DEFINITION—EXHORTED: to earnestly support or encourage a response or action.

BARNABAS' EXHORTATION (23b)

NOTE — A disciple is a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

NOTE — The planting and the progress of the church of Antioch was a result of preaching.

BARNABAS' REPUTATION (24a)

### **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Church in Antioch (24b-26)**

**A. The Lost were \_\_\_\_\_ (24b)**

*Acts 11:24b ...and much people was added unto the Lord.*

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

NOTE — they were not Barnabas' converts, they were the LORD's.

**B. The Believers were \_\_\_\_\_ (25-26)**

*Acts 11:25-26 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.*

NOTE — God was at work in a powerful way and this church was healthy and would be a place believers could grow in Christ.

## SEEKING SAUL (25-26a)

*Acts 9:26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.*

## TEACHING THE CHURCH

*Hebrews 10:22–25 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*

DEFINITION—TAUGHT: disciple; lecture; train

DEFINITION—CALLED: to be or become designated by an identifying term.

QUOTE: The ending “-ian” means “belonging to the party of”; thus “Christians” were those of Jesus’ party. The word “Christians” is used only two other times in the New Testament: in 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16. The significance of the name, emphasized by the word order in the Greek text, is that people recognized Christians as a distinct group. — BKC

## Conclusion

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