

The Center of Gravity of the Church shifts from Jerusalem to Antioch

Christianity as a new Movement

Acts 11:1 Now the apostles and the ~~brethren~~ **brothers** who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

2-3 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, ~~those who were circumcised~~ **the party of the circumcision** took issue with him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

4-5 But Peter began speaking and proceeded to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great ~~sheet~~ **sail** lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me,

6 and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air.

7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'

8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 But a voice from heaven answered a second time, 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.'

10 This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky.

11 And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

12 The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six ~~brethren~~ **brothers** also went with me and we entered the man's house.

13-14 And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

15 And as I began to speak, ~~the~~ Holy Spirit ~~fell~~ **descended** upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning.

16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with The Holy Spirit.'

17 Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could ~~stand in~~ **withstand God?**"

- 18 When they heard this, they ~~quieted down~~ **cooled it** and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."
- 19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.
- 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.
- 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number, ~~who~~ **having** believed, turned to the Lord.
- 22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.
- 23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all ~~with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord~~ **with a set plan to stick** {i.e. lash / tie themselves} to the Lord;
- 24-26 for he was ~~a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith~~ **an amiable, easy-going** man, full of Holy Spirit - **generated** faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.
- 25 And he left for Tarsus to ~~look for Saul~~ **hunt Saul down**;
- 26 and when he had found him, he brought him {with an implication of reluctance} to Antioch. And for an entire year they ~~met~~ **were together** with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Galatians 4:9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and ~~worthless~~ elemental things **of no value**, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

21 Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law?

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."