

The Book of Acts Study Notes

CHAPTER 11

Peter Rebuked for Being in Sync with God

- ❖ We must be willing to move with God
 - Some of our struggles are systemic and historical biases. But how does God see all people – Gal. 3:28; Rev. 7:9; Rom. 10:12
- ❖ Vs. 3: They were upset that Peter went – Mat. 28:19
- ❖ Vs. 4: Peter rehearsed the matter –
 - We as believers must anticipate contention and be prepared to give an answer...
- ❖ Vs. 15-16: The Word became real when the Holy Ghost fell on them
 - **He also brought back to Peter's remembrance – John 14:26**
 - **Peter did not understand until He remembered the Word of Jesus**

- ❖ Vs. 17: You can't withstand God – Acts 15:8-9; 10:47; Acts 5:39
- ❖ Vs. 18: They still weren't happy but did hold their peace and accept what God has done

The Church in Antioch – The Call to be Different

- ❖ The Gospel continued to spread as a result of persecution – Acts 8:1-4
- ❖ They intentionally targeted Gentiles for evangelism
- ❖ Notice there is little focus on names and titles at Antioch but various gifting in operation
 - 1 Cor. 3:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:4-6; Rom. 12:6-8
- ❖ When the church at Jerusalem heard that Gentiles had been preached to and believed in Antioch, they sent Barnabas, who was from Cyprus to minister to them
- ❖ We must learn to match the ministry with the Anointing – Barnabas was from Cyprus
- ❖ Upon arrival and witnessing the grace of God on them, Barnabas was happy and encouraged them to cleave to the Lord – Acts 11:23
- ❖ Vs. 25: notice the characteristics of these men of God – Acts 6:3,5,8

- ❖ Calling them Christians was more derogatory than anything else at first
- ❖ They spent an intensive year building and teaching at Antioch -
 - Results changed the nature and name of the movement
 - What are you willing to go all in on so that God can shift things as a result?

Agabus the prophet of preparation – The Church stays connected

- ❖ Is the first prophet so named of the church age so named in the Book of Acts
- ❖ Is given a prophetic warning of impending famine in the land
 - Note how the disciples received the word and acted upon it. Do we?
 - End is coming, are we preparing?
- ❖ Vs. 29: the disciples gave of their ability –
 - Determined to help fellow believers in Judea (Jewish believers as well) – 1 Cor. 12:26; Gal. 6:10; James 2:15-16