

## **THE SALVATION AND ADDITION OF GENTILES TO THE CHURCH, Pt. 2** **(Acts 11:1-30)**

- Acts 10:39-48

### **I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)**

### **II. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, & SYRIA (8-12)**

#### **A. The WITNESS of PHILIP to the SAMARITANS & ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH (8:1-40)**

#### **B. The CONVERSION & EARLY MINISTRY of PAUL (9:1-31)**

#### **C. The MIRACULOUS HEALING MINISTRY of PETER (9:32-43)**

#### **D. The WITNESS of PETER & the CHURCH OF ANTIOCH (10:1-12:25)**

#### **1. Jewish Believers Accept Gentile Believers (11:1-18)**

- a. The initial reaction to Peter's witness to the Gentiles by those of the \_\_\_\_\_  
was to \_\_\_\_\_ with him. (vv. 1-3)

- *Did the Old Testament teach Gentile salvation?* (Isa. 42:1; 45:22; 49:6; 62:2; Jer. 16:19)
- *In Old Testament times were Gentile believers saved as Gentiles, without having to become circumcised converts to Judaism?* (Exod. 18:8-12; Job 1:1, 8; Jon. 3:5)
- *Why was circumcision so important in the thinking of these Jewish believers in the Jerusalem church?* (Gen. 17:9-14; Exod. 4:24-26; Lev. 12:3 [Phil. 3:5]; Josh. 5:2-9; 1 Sam. 17:36)
- *What was the main reason for the spiritual myopia of these Jewish believers and their misunderstanding of the Great Commission?* (Matt. 16:18; 23:15a; 28:19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 11:19; 15:1, 5; Rom. 6:14; Gal. 3:26-28)

- b. In response, Peter reviews the salvation of the Gentiles and their addition to the church by showing how \_\_\_\_\_ directed the entire course of events. (vv. 4-17)

- *What did the Holy Spirit do to Cornelius and the Gentiles who believed?* (Acts 10:44-45, 47; 11:15-17; 1 Cor. 12:12-13)
- *What was the sole condition for their salvation?* (Acts 10:43-44; 11:1, 17)

- c. The result of the Jewish believers in Jerusalem hearing Peter's reasoning was that they \_\_\_\_\_ contending with Peter and \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 18)
- *What does this verse teach about the relationship between faith and repentance?* (Acts 17:30, 34; 20:21; 26:18, 20)

## **2. Jewish Believers Evangelize & Encourage the Gentiles (11:19-26)**

- a. For the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the church, Jewish believers only preached the gospel to Jews, Samaritans, or proselytes to Judaism, but now they \_\_\_\_\_ the Hellenists in \_\_\_\_\_, and the result was that a \_\_\_\_\_ believed and turned to the Lord. (vv. 19-21)
- *Who were these believers from Cyprus and Cyrene (v. 20)? How does this apply to you?*
  - *What do we know about the city of Antioch in Syria?*
  - *Who were the Hellenists (v. 20)?* (cf. Acts 6:1, 9; 9:29)
  - *What is significant about "the hand of the Lord" being "with them" (v. 21)?*
- b. The church in Jerusalem sent \_\_\_\_\_, aka "the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 4:36), to Antioch and he \_\_\_\_\_ them all to \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord. (vv. 22-24)
- *Who is the "Lord" throughout this passage?* (Acts 11:16, 17, 20, 21 [2x], 23, 24) *Why is this important?*
- c. Barnabas also \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Saul in Tarsus and brought him back to \_\_\_\_\_ the church at Antioch, where the disciples were first called \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). (vv. 25-26)

## **3. Jewish Believers Are Supported by Gentile Believers (11:27-30)**

- a. Before the completion of the New Testament, there were \_\_\_\_\_ in the church who predicted a great famine throughout the world, which occurred in \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 27-28)
- b. The Christians in Antioch expressed their \_\_\_\_\_ for their Jewish brethren by sharing materially with them. (vv. 29-30; Rom. 15:26-27; Gal. 6:2, 10)
- *What can we learn from all this as a church?*