**THE ANTIOCH CHURCH**

Acts 11:19-30 (26)

*“…and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”*

1. How did the gospel spread? (19) What was different about the work of God in Antioch? (20-21) What does this teach us about God? (Ac 1:8[[1]](#footnote-2))
2. Who was Barnabas? (4:36-37[[2]](#footnote-3); 9:27[[3]](#footnote-4)) Why did he go to Antioch? (22) How did he build up the church there? (23-24) What does it mean they should *remain true to the Lord with all their hearts*?
3. Why did Barnabas go to get Saul? (25-26) Where was Saul and what was he doing? (9:29-30[[4]](#footnote-5)) How did Barnabas and Saul strengthen the church in Antioch? (26) Why were they called "Christians"?
4. Who came to Antioch? (27) What was the crisis throughout the Roman Empire, revealed by one of the Prophets named Agabus? (28) What did the disciples in Antioch do? (29) Why? (2Co 8:5,9[[5]](#footnote-6); Ac 20:35[[6]](#footnote-7)) What can we learn from them? In what ways was the Antioch church well prepared to be a world mission church?
1. **Acts 1:8** - 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. **Acts 4:36-37** - 36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. **Acts 9:27** - 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. **Acts 9:29-30** - 29 He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews,[a] but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. **2 Cor 8:5,9** - 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us… 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. **Acts 20:35** - 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” [↑](#footnote-ref-7)