

Jesus Christ's work through the Apostles in Judea and Samaria

You can't save Gentiles?

".... and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judae'a, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Introduction: Acts Chapter 10 opens the door to the ministry of the Gentiles. As we open chapter 11 we will find a slight disagreement between the church at Jerusalem and the purported actions of Peter. This accusation of course is finally understood by the church at Jerusalem after a careful heartfelt explanation from the Peter himself. Sometimes you and I can be too quick to judge a situation or action without even having all the facts. Chapter 11 and 12 prepare Paul for his first missionary journey at the same time we see a local New Testament church being prepared to send and support their first missionaries to the uttermost.

I. Peter's Defense 11:1-18

- A. The Unjust Judgment – 1-3
 - 1. Heard
 - 2. Talked
 - 3. United
 - 4. Accused
- B. The Understanding Leader - 4
 - 1. Rehearsed the Matter
 - 2. Expounded it by Order
- C. The Unveiled Truth 5-18
 - 1. Proper place, Proper Time, Proper state - 5
 - 2. Pertinent Details (Vision) – Did not sugar coat anything 6-10
 - 3. Performance (Obedience) and Proof 11-15
 - 4. Principle 16-18
 - a. Notice he used God's word

II. Barnabas' Action 11:19-30

- A. God's Providence 19-21
 - 1. One group preaching to Jews only 19
 - 2. One group preaching to Grecians 20
 - 3. God providing Salvation power to many 21
- B. Good Servant (Barnabas) 22,24
 - 1. "tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church" 22
 - a. Are we listening out for direction?
 - b. Are we concerned with the needs elsewhere?
 - c. Are we available for the Lord to use us?

2. "they sent forth Barnabas" 24
 - a. If the church had to pick someone to get the job done, would you be the one sent?
 - b. He was a good man
 - c. He was full of the Holy Ghost
 - d. He was full of faith
 - e. He was a multiplying force
 - f. What would the Bible write about us?
- C. Game Changing Action (Barnabas) 23, 25
1. Saw God's hand (Grace)
 2. Rejoiced in the Lord
 3. Exhorted them all
 4. Sought out Helpers
- D. God's Preparation 26-30
1. Assembled themselves with the church
 2. Taught much people – Discipled, Preached the Gospel
 3. Disciples – Christians -
 - a. Name is mysterious where it came from
 - b. Paul and Barnabas
 - c. Act of the church in Antioch
 - d. From the people of Antioch
 4. Prophets Announcement
 5. Peoples Response
 - a. Every Man
 - b. According to his ability
 - c. Determined to send relief
 - d. Actually Gave

