

# 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

