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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 22

THE HAND OF THE LORD WITH US

Our Greatest Help and Only Hope in Ministry

(Acts 11:19-30)

INTRODUCTION:

*“When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, **God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.**”*

—Acts 11:18

THE OVERVIEW:

- This section of the Book of Acts (8-12) is crucial to the major development that is about to unfold as the church is transformed from a **Messianic Jewish Movement centered in Jerusalem** into a **multi-ethnic Jesus Movement spreading throughout the world.**

PREVIOUSLY: ACTS 9:32-11:18

Only Jesus has the power to overcome sin and its consequences.

Jesus has the power to overcome... **disease.** (9:32-35)

Jesus has the power to overcome... **death.** (9:36-43)

Jesus has the power to overcome... **defilement.** (10:1-11:18)

- The ultimate expression of the power of the gospel to bridge the defilement of sin, especially in the minds of the Jewish believers who constituted the early church, is the _____ of the Gentiles without _____ or _____.
- Through the repeated vision, God was letting Peter know that what he needed wasn't just a change of **menu**, but a change of **mind**. The Old Covenant was being _____ by the New Covenant. It was time for the _____ to give way to the _____.

1A. THE _____ OF THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH: (v. 19-24)

1B. Phase One: _____ and the _____ of God. (v. 19-21)

*“So then **those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen** made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. ²⁰ But **there were some of them**, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, **who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also**, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And **the hand of the Lord was with them**, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.”*

2B. Phase Two: _____ and the _____ of God. (v. 22-24)

*"The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. ²³ Then when he arrived and **witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;** ²⁴ for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. **And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.**"*

1C. _____ did Barnabas _____ ?

2C. _____ did Barnabas _____ ?

3C. _____ did Barnabas _____ ?

2A. THE _____ OF THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH: (v. 25, 26)

"And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

3A. THE _____ OF THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH: (v. 27-30)

"Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. ³⁰ And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders."

• As _____ of grace, they _____ grace.

"But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also."

—2 Corinthians 8:7

*"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must do just as **he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion,** for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ **And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed...**"*

—2 Corinthians 9:6-8

CONCLUSION: