

Peter's Report

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Littleton Bible Chapel – David Anderson

Acts 11:1-30



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Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-26

“Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.”



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The Objection Raised – God’s Work Questioned by the Circumcision Party
(Acts 11:1–3)



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The Revelation Recounted – God’s Hospitality Results in a Large Table
(Acts 11:4–17)



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1. The gospel is now a cross-cultural gospel.



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2. There is no partiality.



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3. Unity in Christ Does Not Mean Uniformity in Culture.



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The Verdict Rendered – The Mystery of the Gospel (Acts 11:18)



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The Mission Extended – The Gospel Moves Forward Unhindered
(Acts 11:19–30)



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“The Jews brought salvation to the Gentiles, and the Gentiles reciprocate by pooling together money to bless the Jews. Reconciliation is evident not just in word but also in deed.”



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Ephesians 4:2-6,

“bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all...”



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Application: “Remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose.”

