

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 19

Review: *God's choice of Peter to go to Cornelius was as much for Peter's growth as it was for the task of "opening the door to the Gentiles." However, this set the stage for an even greater breakthrough in the "Great Commission".*

I. The Church's View Of Grace Is Expanded, But Not Complete - Acts 11:19

- A) God would save and fill the "good Jews" of Jerusalem and Judea
- B) God would save and fill the "half Jews" of Samaria
- C) God would save and fill the "bad Jews" like the Apostle Paul
- D) God would save and fill "righteous Gentiles" like Cornelius - Acts 10:24-35

II. The Church Finds That The "Uttermost" Includes The "Guttermost" - Acts 11:20

Some history concerning the Jewish mind towards Antioch

- A) Founded by *Seleucus Nicator* in 300 B.C., Antioch became more associated with *Antiochus Epiphanes, who ruled from 176-164 B.C.*
- B) Daniel prophesied that *Antiochus Epiphanes* would be a grave enemy of the Jews, and would commit an "abomination of desolation" by defiling the Temple and setting up an idol. This would foreshadow the acts of the anti-christ in the Tribulation period.
- C) He also forced Jews living in his kingdom to worship the Greek gods, of particular Apollo (destroyer), and the fertility goddess Artemis (Diana), whose temples were near Antioch.
- D) Though physically beautiful and prosperous, the city was known as a place of sin and debauchery.

III. Barnabas Discovers The Glorious Grace Of God Is Even In The Gutters -vs. 23-24

- A) His grace will SAVE us out of the gutters of sin
- B) His grace will SECURE us out of the gutters of sin
- C) His grace will SEND us out to the gutters of sin

IV. God's Gutter Grace Tends To Create Great Christians - Acts 11:24-28

- A) Gutter Grace tends to create great PASSION for souls - vs. 24
- B) Gutter Grace tends to create great HUNGER for truth - vs. 25-26a
- C) Gutter Grace tends to create great TESTIMONIES for Christ - vs. 26b
- D) Gutter Grace tends to create great LOVE for the Church -vs. 27-28

V. Can God Create Some Gutter Grace In Us?

- A) Gutters are the PEOPLE we would normally avoid - Luke 14:16-21
- B) Gutters are the PLACES we would normally avoid - Luke 14:22-24