

**“Acts – Enlarging Kingdom (8-2): Witness Beyond Samaria
– Barnabas and Saul in Antioch” (Acts 11:1-12:24)**

Today’s Message: Unity and Prayer

I. The Jerusalem Church _____ the Gentiles (Acts 11:1–18): Peter’s account to the Church in Jerusalem

A. 2 Visions from God (vv 1-11)

B. _____ and the Sign of the Gift of the _____ (vv 12-17)

C. _____ to the Will of God (vv 18)

God’s New Program = the Church...

All are all United in the Body of Christ on the basis of Faith in Jesus Christ

II. The Jerusalem Church _____ the Gentiles (Acts 11:19-26)

A. Jewish Believers from Cyprus and Cyrene shared the Gospel with the _____

B. Jerusalem Church Sent Delegation for Verification

Lesson #1: Grounding Believers in the Word and Witnessing to the Lost... _____

C. Barnabas Invited Saul to Support Ministry to the Gentiles

Lesson #2: No _____, only giving Preference to Fellow-workers in Ministry

Christian = “belonging to Christ” (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16)

III. The Jerusalem Church Received Help from the Gentiles (Acts 11:27-30)

A. Reciprocating Blessings to Needy Brothers (1 John 3:17-18): A Demonstration of _____ and a Testimony of _____

B. How should one Give? “Each according to his ability” (v 29)

Lesson #3: True Christianity is Practical, not Theoretical; the practice of Giving is

Not _____, but based on one’s Ability (cf. 2 Cor 8–9)

IV. The Persecution of the Church at Jerusalem (12:1-24)

A. James Executed, Peter Seized and Church Prayed (vv 1-5)

B. Peter’s Miraculous Delivery (vv 6-10)

C. Prayer Meeting Interrupted by a Remarkable Answer (vv 11-19a)

Why did God not spare James, but deliver Peter?

Lesson #4: Never hold a Preconceived Notion

as to what God would do in Response to our Prayers... Be _____

How important is Prayer in your life?

Set Personal as well as Corporate Prayer on the Top of your Priority List!

Herod is dead, and the Church is very much Alive and Growing rapidly!

The Secret? A Unified and Praying Church!

Answer: Accepted; 6 Witnesses; Holy Spirit; Submission; Encouraged; Greeks; Balance; Personal Competition; Love; Unity; Compulsory; Teachable