

ACTS

The Church at Antioch Acts 11:19-30

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1. The existence and ministry of the Antioch Church is evidence of God's good _____ in the growth and expansion of His church.

- a. In God's providence, the establishment of churches beyond Jerusalem took place as believers were _____ because of persecution.

"What was intended for the hurt of the church was made to work for its good. ... The _____ of man is made to praise God." - Matthew Henry

- b. In God's providence, men unknown to history, not only spoke to Jews about the Lord Jesus, but also to _____ in Antioch.

- c. In God's providence, there was a great famine that gave the newly planted Antioch Church the opportunity to minister to the Jerusalem Church.

2. The existence and growth of the Antioch Church is evidence of God's divine _____ in people's lives through the ministry of the Word.

- a. Men of Cyprus and Cyrene preached the good news of the Lord Jesus to Greeks in Antioch.

1) The _____ of the Lord was with them.

2) By God's grace, many were convinced of the truth of the gospel and turned to the Lord.

- b. By God's grace, the Jerusalem Church wanted to be a help to the newly formed Antioch Church though it was many miles away.

- c. By God's gracious work in Barnabas' life, he was able to _____ the Antioch Church in their faith and many were brought to the Lord.

- d. By God's gracious work in Saul's life, he was able to help teach the "_____ " in Antioch.

*"They were known as Christ's people because they spoke so often of Christ and were followers of His way."
- David Peterson*

- e. By God's gracious work in the church at Antioch, they were able to _____ the Jerusalem Church when they had great need.