A Usable Christian Acts 11:29-30

Unstained By Our Culture

Acts 11:19-20,22,26

At Antioch the believers were first called Christians, the Christ-ones. There are some distinctions of a church that must be kept intact. We bear the name of our Savior.

2Corinthians 6:17; 1Peter 2:12; Ephesians 4:22; James 1:21,27; Titus 2:11-12

Stretched To Our Limits

Acts 11:19: 12:1-3

From a close look at the early church, we see clearly that struggle, rejection, criticism, and even death for believers was the norm.

Hebrews 10:32-36; 2Peter 1:10; 1Corinthians 15:58; 2Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 12:1-2

Adhering To The Savior

Acts 11:21,23,26

Barnabas encouraged the believers to make a serious, solid attachment to Christ and Christ alone. *Romans 6:3-7; Galatians 2:20; 3:26-27; Colossians 3:1-3*

Bold In Our Witness

Acts 11:19-21,24

This church spoke, told, and preached the Good News. People believed and turned to the Lord. *Acts 4:29-30; Ephesians 6:10-11; 1Peter 3:14-16; 2Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 21:13*

Liberal In Our Giving

Acts 11:22,24,27-30

The Antioch church gave. They were unselfish, other-centered, and giving oriented, even to a culturally and racially different congregation.

2Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7; Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35

Equipped In The Scriptures

Acts 11:23,26

This church was taught. The picture here is of classrooms, courses, study, memorization ... work. Before Antioch became a sending place, it was a studying place. We have the picture of an equipping church and equipped people. No wonder they changed the world.

Ephesians 4:11-13; 1Thessalonians 5:11; 1Timothy 4:11,13,16; 5:17; 2Timothy 2:2; Acts 20:31-32

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