

Acts 11
Peter's Defense And The Church At Antioch

I. Peter's Defense About Cornelius (vv. 1-18)

- A. *Peter questioned by the Jews for going to the Gentiles* (vv. 1-3).
- B. *Peter's explanation* (vv. 4-17).
 - 1. I was sent by the Lord (vv. 4-12).
 - a. Learned in a vision not to call what God has cleansed common (vv. 4-10).
 - b. Spirit directed me to go with the messengers of Cornelius (vv. 11-12).
 - 2. Cornelius told us that an angel said to send for me (Peter) to hear words by which he could be saved (vv. 13-14).
 - 3. The Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius and his house (vv. 15-17).
 - a. As I began to speak (v. 15).
 - b. Reminded of the promise of Holy Spirit baptism (v. 16).
 - c. If God gave them the same gift - how could I resist God? (V. 17).
- C. *The conclusion of the Jews: God has allowed the Gentiles to be saved* (v. 18).

II. The Church At Antioch (vv. 19-30)

- A. *The gospel preached at Antioch* (vv. 19-21).
 - 1. Because of the scattering (vv. 19-20).
 - 2. Great number obeyed (v. 21).
- B. *Barnabas was sent to Antioch* (vv. 22-24).
 - 1. Sent by the church at Jerusalem (v. 22).
 - 2. Encouraged them to continue with the Lord (v. 23).
 - 3. Barnabas was a good man (v. 24a).
- C. *The church at Antioch grew* (v. 24b).
- D. *Barnabas brought Saul to Antioch* (vv. 25-26a).
 - 1. Assembled with the church for a year (v. 25).
 - 2. Taught many (v. 26a).
- E. *First place disciples were called Christians* (v. 26b).
- F. *Church at Antioch sent relief to Judea* (vv. 27-30).

~ Key Verses: 18, 26 ~