

Acts 11 – Questioning Peter regarding the house of Cornelius

I. Peter is forced to defend his actions regarding the house of Cornelius – 11:1-18

- A. Those of the circumcision contend with Peter regarding his being with Gentiles, v.1-3
- B. Peter recounts the previous events, v.4-17
 - 1. “...*who was I that I could withstand God?*”
- C. After some contemplation, the saints in Jerusalem glorified God because He had “...*granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.*”

II. Jews in Antioch (of Syria) hear the word and believe – 11:19-21

- A. The persecution, still going on, drove saints all the way to Syria, preaching the Word to the Hellenists in Antioch
- B. The Gospel, at this point, was only being preached to Jews

III. Saul and Barnabas help the newly established church in Antioch – 11:22-26

- A. The church in Jerusalem sends Barnabas to Antioch to assist in the work
 - 1. Barnabas encourages the saints
- B. Barnabas considers Saul, goes to Tarsus for the purpose of bringing him to help the work at Antioch

IV. Prophecy regarding a terrible famine – 11:27-30

- A. Agabus speaks by the Spirit regarding a famine that would come upon Judea
- B. The saints determine to send aid as they had been prospered according to each man’s ability
 - 1. They send aid by the hands of Saul and Barnabas

Questions for Acts 11:

1. Why were the Jewish Christians upset with Peter?

2. How many brethren went with Peter to Cornelius’ house?

3. What application or inference can be made from 11:17 with its relation to the context of chapter 10?

4. Why were the Jewish Christians preaching only to the Jews?

5. Why did Barnabas seek for Saul to bring him to Antioch?