

“BARNABAS AND GOD’S GRACE.”

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Acts 11:19-23.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Antioch in Syria - 250 miles from Jerusalem.
 - 1) Christians fled from persecution there (v. 19)
 - 2) Disciples first called Christians there (v. 26).
 - 3) Evangelistic church there (13:1-3).
 - 4) Barnabas saw grace of God and was glad there (v. 23).
2. Text teaches us three things about the grace of God.

I. THE GRACE OF GOD CAN BE SEEN — “HAD SEEN ...”

A. By seeing people be saved (Eph. 2:8-9).

1. See and hear them confess (Rom. 10:10).
2. See them be baptized (Mark 16:15-16).

B. By seeing people change way of living (Titus 2:11-12).

1. Paul (1 Tim. 1:12-16).
2. Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:4; 6:9-11).

II. THE GRACE OF GOD BRINGS GLADNESS — “HE WAS GLAD.”

A. For his own sake (3 John 3-4).

B. For their sakes (Rom. 12:15).

C. For the church’s sake.

1. Family of God increasing (1 Tim. 2:15).
2. Walls of building built up (Pet. 2:5).
3. Boundaries of kingdom widened (Col. 1:13).
4. Army enlarged (2 Tim. 2:3-4).

D. For the Lord’s sake (1 Tim. 2:4).

III. THE GRACE OF GOD NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED: “EXHORTED THEM.”

A. He encouraged them to continue with the Lord.

1. Baptism is just beginning of obedience (Matt. 28:18-20).
2. Must be faith unto death (Rev. 2:10).
3. Can abuse grace (Rom. 6:1-3; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 10:26-29).

B. By encouraging them to continue with the Lord (John 6:68).

C. By encouraging them to continue with purpose of heart. - determination.

D. By encouraging all to continue walking in God’s grace. All need encouragement.

1. The weak and the strong.

2. The young and the old.
3. The members and the teachers.

IV.CONCLUSION:

- A. How precious is the grace of God.**
- B. God's grace makes genuine Christianity possible.**
- C. It is so important for us to continue to avail ourselves to God's grace.**