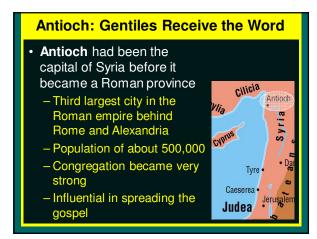


Antioch: Gentiles Receive the Word Acts 11:18-21 Cilicia The gospel is for all! Antioch Vlia cf. Acts 2:21 Gradually others who had S been scattered began preaching to Gentiles also One of the first Tyre • congregations made up of both Jews and Gentiles Caeserea • was in the city of Antioch Jerusaler Judea of Syria

Acts 11:19-20 "They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only the Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus."

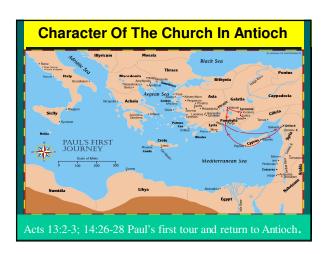


Antioch: Gentiles Receive the Word •They "believed and turned unto the Lord" Acts 11:21; 1 •The grace of God was Corinthians 6:9-11; see Acts seen in their lives. Acts 3:19: 2:38 11:23; cf. Titus 2:11-12 •Jerusalem church sent •They were to "cleave" Barnabas to assist. Acts 11:22 unto the Lord. Verse 23 •The church grows as a result •They were faithful in of his exhortation. assembling. Verse 26 Acts 11:23-24 •All were involved. ·Barnabas secures Paul to aid Verse 29 at Antioch. Acts 11:25-26 •Continued working together for a year. Acts 11:26

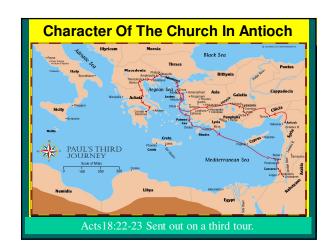
Character Of The Church In Antioch

Evangelistic.

- They had good preachers. Acts 11:24; 15:35
- Their members were evangelistic.
- They reached out into other territory. Acts 13:1-5 Later had 5 – 6 preachers.
- ➤ No "Educational Directors," "Youth Ministers," etc.



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Character Of The Church In Antioch

A Benevolent Church.

- Sent relief to Jerusalem according to ability. First church to send relief to those of another locality. Acts 11:27-30
- Recognized the local church as the medium through which to work. "Sending to the elders" Acts 11:30; 15:1-2; cf. 1 Peter 5:2

Character Of The Church In Antioch

Recognized the authority of God. Acts 15:1-2; 30-35

- A growing church. "Much people added to the Lord." Acts 11:24
- They were interested in the study of God's word. Acts 11:26
 - This accounted for their strength and growth.

Conclusion:

• Where could a better example of a church fulfilling her obligations both at home and abroad be found than at Antioch?