

Acts Ch. 11:19-30

“The Hand of the Lord”

**And they were first called Christians in Antioch*

1. V19-21 Preaching the WORD of the Lord

- i. **“Persecution is like wind that scatters the seeds”** (God uses the consequences of obedience to advance His Kingdom Agenda)
- ii. God is the one who saves BUT we are His Holy Vessels He uses (Matthew 28, Romans 1:16, 1 Cor. 1:18)

2. V22-25 Continuing with the Lord

- i. Celebrating and giving thanks when we hear or see God Working in others (Do you respond with envy and Jealousy or Gratitude and Celebration?)
- ii. Through Encouragement/Exhortation to RUN OUR RACE (Behind every faithful believer is a faithful encourager- Saul/Barnabas)
- iii. Who has encouraged/exhorted you lately? Who are you encouraging and exhorting in the Lord?
- iv. **Christian=Belonging to Christ (Remember WHOSE you are and live worthy of Christ’s Love for you)**

3. V 27-30 Participating in the Generosity of the Lord

- i. **Love** is always on the move and it’s never caught stagnant. Agape Love freely, joyfully and naturally gives (God so loved the World that He Gave- John 3:16, 2 Cor. 9)
- ii. We show our love for God by our Love towards God’s People (Ex. Barnabas in Acts 4, John 13:34-35 and Galatians 6:10)
- iii. **What is your attitude towards giving?** Do you see it as YOURS or the Lords? Where your treasure is there your heart will be also (It all comes from God and should be used for HIS Kingdom purposes- James 1:17, Deuteronomy 8)