

“Seeing The Grace Of God”

Lesson Text: **Acts 11:19-23.**

I. How Did Barnabas See God’s Grace?

- **Vs. 23**, Barnabas Saw The Grace Of God At Antioch.
- What Is Grace?

charis (χάρις, 5485), “grace,” indicating favor on the part of the giver,”

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- We Are Saved By Grace- **Ephesians 1:7; 2:5; 2:7-9.**
- We Also Need To Think Of Access- **prosagoge** (προσαγωγή, 4318),

lit., “a leading or bringing into the presence of” (*pros*, “to,” *ago*, “to lead”), denotes “access,” with which is associated the thought of freedom to enter through the assistance or favor of another. It is used three times, (a) Rom. 5:2, of the “access” which we have by faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, into grace; (b) Eph. 2:18, of our “access” in one Spirit through Christ, unto the Father; (c) Eph. 3:12, of the same “access,” there said to be “in Christ,” and which we have “in confidence through our faith in Him.”

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- Barnabas Saw People Coming To The Lord By Obeying The Gospel- **Acts 11:20-21.**
- **Acts 20:24; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Acts 19:1-5.**

II. God’s Grace Changes People’s Lives.

- **Titus 2:11-12.**
- **2 Corinthians 5:17.** Grace Changes Behavior, Priorities, Desires, Masters, Destinies....
- That’s What Repentance And Baptism Does- **Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38 – Acts 3:19.**
- What Happens When We Don’t Change? **Romans 6:1-6.**

III. Barnabas Encouraged Them To Continue In God’s Grace.

- **Acts 11:22-24.** Again in **Acts 13:43; 14:21-22.**
- Barnabas Didn’t Teach “Once In Grace, Always In Grace.”
- It Is Possible To:
 - **2 Corinthians 6:1; Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 10:29; Hebrews 12:15.**

IV. God’s Grace Makes Christians.

- **Acts 11:25-26.**
- The Context Is All About What God Was Doing And Working In Their Lives!
- Not Given By The Enemies Of Jesus, But God Himself- **Isaiah 62:2.**
- It Is The Name We Still Wear- **Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.**
- Not In Name Only— But Christ-Like... **Luke 6:40; 1 Corinthians 11:1.**

IV. Can People See The Grace Of God In Your Life?

- Have You Truly Been Converted? **Acts 11:21; Titus 2:11-12.**
- Are You Continuing With The Lord? **Acts 11:23; John 8:31-32.**
- Are You A Faithful Christian? **Acts 11:26; Revelation 2:10.**