

ACTS 11; October 12; Disciples First Called Christians

ANALYSIS:

1. When the Christian Jews in Jerusalem contended with Peter for preaching to Gentiles, how did he respond? _____
2. What was unusual about the way in which the Holy Ghost fell upon Cornelius and his household? _____
3. What event convinced Peter and the others that God had indeed granted repentance to the Gentiles? _____
4. What name were the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ first given in Antioch of Syria? _____
5. When the Lord sent a drought upon Judea, who did the disciples in Antioch send relief to? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

While many today claim to be Christians, we know that most of those who make this claim are not really Christians in the true sense of the word. Being a Christian is much more than merely believing in Jesus Christ or attending a church of some Christian denomination. As verse 26 teaches, a Christian is a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. And according to Luke 14:26-27, a disciple of Jesus Christ is one who hates the dearest relatives on earth and his own life in comparison to his love for Jesus Christ. And further, a disciple is one who denies himself, bears his cross, and follows the Lord Jesus Christ. By further study of Scripture we know that a disciple of Jesus Christ and a Christian is one who does whatsoever Jesus Christ commands according to the Bible.

Are you a real Christian? Are you truly a disciple of Jesus Christ? What of this world have you denied for yourself today? Have you borne your cross for Jesus' sake? Have you followed the Lord Jesus Christ in your life. Have you done whatever he has commanded you to do according to the Bible? Have you repented of your sins? Do you hate this world? Have you been baptized? Do you love the saints of God. Do you read your Bible and pray daily? If we do not do these things, we are not true disciples of Jesus Christ! We are not real Christians!

HELP:

1. "He rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them" (v 4).
2. The Holy Ghost fell upon them before they were baptized (v 15).
3. That God gave the Gentiles the gift of the Holy Ghost as he had the Jews (v 17).
4. Christians (v 26).
5. The brethren in Judea (v 29).