

**INTRODUCTION:** In this chapter the relationship between believers at Jerusalem and \_\_\_\_\_ believers is learned. The problem was expressed by the Jews in the first part of the chapter (vs. 1-3).

- a) race prejudice
- b) a misunderstanding of the purposes of God
- c) lack of spiritual depth

I: THE JERUSALEM CHURCH ACCEPTS THE GENTILES – 1-18

The deciding factors in this \_\_\_\_\_ seem to be ....

- 1. The personal \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter (5-11)
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (12)
- 3. The Word of God (16)

These three \_\_\_\_\_ are always necessary if we are to do God's will ...

- 1. circumstances
- 2. the leading of the Spirit in our \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. the clear \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God

II: THE JERUSALEM CHURCH ENCOURAGES THE GENTILES – 19-26

The persecution described in 8:1ff had \_\_\_\_\_ Christians as far as Antioch (300 miles north of Jerusalem)

- 1. They had preached to \_\_\_\_\_ only (19)
- 2. 11:20 indicates that some began to preach to the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Many Gentiles came to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as their Saviour (21)
- 4. The Jerusalem Church sent \_\_\_\_\_ to check things out (22)
  - a) Barnabas left the \_\_\_\_\_ and went to find \_\_\_\_\_ (25)
  - b) He knew that Paul was to be the \_\_\_\_\_ leader
  - c) For one \_\_\_\_\_ the two men taught the \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God (26)

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III: THE JERUSALEM CHURCH ACCEPTS AID FROM THE GENTILES – 27-30

1. The Gentile \_\_\_\_\_ follow the pattern of James 2:17 and 26 ... “Faith without works is dead!” Several times we read of special aid being sent to the “poor \_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem” (Romans 15:26; I Corinthians 16:1ff; 2 Corinthians 8-9)
2. Barnabas and Paul were \_\_\_\_\_ to take the \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem (30).
3. They later \_\_\_\_\_ to Antioch, bringing John Mark with them (12:25).

**CONCLUSION:** This passage shows the realization that the Church is truly a \_\_\_\_\_. They were all members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. It was unthinkable to them that one \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church should be in \_\_\_\_\_ and that another would do \_\_\_\_\_ about it. They saw the Church as a \_\_\_\_\_. They were not members of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_; they were members of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_.