









#### **John 1:12 (NIV)**

#### Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—

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Acts 11:1-3, 18 (NIV) **11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea** heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.<sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Acts 11:19-26 (NIV) <sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as **Phoenicia, Cyprus and** Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.

<sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.



<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

<sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul



<sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.







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Ephesians 1:22-23 (NLT) <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. <sup>23</sup> And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT) <sup>11</sup> Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.



#### John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

