Acts 11:1-26; 13:1-3

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also
accepted the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised
believers criticized him, **3** saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with
them?' **4** Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, **5** 'I was in the city of
Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming
down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. **6** As I looked
at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. **7** I also
heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." **8** But I replied, "By no means, Lord;
for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." **9** But a second time the voice
answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." **10** This
happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. **11** At that very
moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. **12** The
Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These
six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he
had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who
is called Peter; **14** he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will
be saved." **15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at
the beginning. **16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." **17** If then God gave them the
same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could
hinder God?' **18** When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying,
'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'
19 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. 20 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. 21 The Lord's hand
was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.
22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 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.24 He was a good man, full of the Holy
Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.
25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 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.

13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon
called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch)
and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart
for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had
fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.