

UNSTOPPABLE POWER

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

“COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES”

ACTS II:1-30

DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS

JANUARY 23, 2022

Introduction: Creativity is essential for success in every area of life -- including the ministry. Today, we are going to look at a portrait of two churches who experienced God's blessing because they were willing to “color outside the lines” when it came to reaching people with the Gospel.

I. The Church At Jerusalem: Coloring Outside The Lines Of Prejudice (Acts 11:1-18)

A. The Jerusalem Church Questions Gentile Salvation (Acts 11:1-3)

Acts 11:1 “Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.”

Acts 11:2-3 ² “And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, ³ saying, ‘You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.’”

B. Peter Testifies of the Gentiles' Conversion (Acts 11:4-17)

Acts 11:4 “But Peter began speaking and proceeded to explain to them in orderly sequence...”

Acts 11:17 “Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?”

C. The Jerusalem Church Welcomes Gentile Christians (Acts 11:18)

UNSTOPPABLE POWER

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

“COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES”

ACTS II:I-30

DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS | JANUARY 23, 2022

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 ⁶ “For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

II. The Church At Antioch: Coloring Outside The Lines Of Tradition (Acts 11:19-26)

A. The Church at Antioch Becomes the First Gentile Church (Acts 11:19-21)

Acts 11:19-21 ¹⁹ “So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the LORD was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the LORD.”

B. The Church at Antioch Expands Its Leadership Team (Acts 11:22-25)

C. The Church at Antioch Taught God’s Word in the Church (Acts 11:26)

Acts 11:26 “When he [Barnabas] found him [Paul], he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 ²⁴ “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

UNSTOPPABLE POWER

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

“COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES”

ACTS II:I-30

DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS | JANUARY 23, 2022

Ephesians 4:12-13 ¹² “For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

D. The Church at Antioch Is Called by a New Name (Acts 11:26b)

Acts 11:26b “...and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Conclusion