

Acts 11:19-26

“Christian” a Title of Spiritual Honor and Insult

The Origin of the Local Church at Antioch (ABF) 11:19-21

Persecution Pushed the Church Away from Jerusalem and Resulted in:

- The Gospel Being Proclaimed to Many New Locations including Antioch
- The Gospel Being Proclaimed to Both Jew and Gentile in Antioch

The First Year of the Local Church at Antioch (ABF) 11:22-26

- 1: The Apostles Sent Barnabas to Check In with the Church in Antioch v22
- 2: Barnabas Invested Himself in Their Lives in Substantial Ways v23-26

**Barnabas Rejoiced in the Salvation of the New Believers v23a

**Barnabas Urged Them to Remain True to the Lord Jesus v23b-24

**Barnabas Brought Saul/Paul in to Serve the Church in Antioch v25-26

- They Met with the Church for an Entire Year v25-26a
- They Taught the Word to the Church v26b
 - Why: So That They Would Be Able to Remain True to the Lord
 - How: Intake/Application of the Word (Teaching + Teachability)
- Key Result: The Disciples 1st Called “Christians” in Antioch v26c

Some Might Be Able to “Be Cool” & Be a Christian, But Being a Christian Should Not Make Us “Look Cool” to the World. We Don’t Have to Be Socially Clumsy, But Living a Bibl Christian Life Will Tend to Make Us Socially “Obnoxious” to t/World.

The Title “Christian” Has Been Embraced by Believers Worldwide for 2000 Years.

While It Can Be Misunderstood, We Should Never Become “So Cool” That We Punt It Away....It is a Time Tested Title of Spiritual Honor and Insult! (Heb 12:1-2)