

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Dr. Landon Dowden

RECOGNIZING AND REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE Acts 11:19-30

As we study our text today, we have the privilege of seeing how God planted, powered, and prospered what would become one of the most gospel-minded, missions-sending churches in the New Testament. When Barnabas saw what was happening in the church at Antioch, he recognized and rejoiced in God's grace. May we do the same as we see His grace at work in and through Hebron.

- I. AS WE SEE THE GOSPEL SHARED, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE. (11:19-20)
 - a. God advances His gospel despite persecution.
 - b. God advances His gospel to difficult places.
 - c. God advances His gospel through dedicated proclamation.
 - d. God advances His gospel to different peoples.
- II. AS WE SEE THE GOSPEL STRENGTHENED, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE. (11:21)
 - a. God is present with His messengers.
 - b. God empowers His message.
- III. AS WE SEE THE GOSPEL SERVED, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE. (11:22-26)
 - a. Through faithful disciplers, the church will be informed.
 - b. Through fruitful discipleship, the church will be transformed.
- IV. AS WE SEE GOSPEL SACRIFICE, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE. (11:27-30)
 - a. God's grace fuels our concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - b. God's grace fuels our sacrificing for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- V. AS WE SEE GOSPEL STEADFASTNESS, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE AND REJOICE IN GOD'S GRACE. (11:23)
 - a. By God's grace, may we all remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose!