

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all

that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales

and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas(which means "son of encouragement"),

sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet

Acts 9:1

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest

Acts 9:2

and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women...

Acts 9:2cont.

he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

Acts 9:4

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Acts 9:5-6

5"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,"he replied. 6"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:26

When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.

Acts 9:27

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him...

Acts 9:27cont.

and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch,

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.

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

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.

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

Acts 11:25-26

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch.

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world.

Acts 11:28cont.

(This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.

this they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Acts 13:49-50

The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and

Acts 13:50cont.

the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

Acts 13:51-52

So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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