

Acts 11:19-30

Introduction

The church is BORN – verses 19-21

- from persecution and pain – 8:1
- made up of far-from-God people – 1:8, 11:18
- as Christians spoke the word
- by the mighty “hand of the Lord”

The church MATURES – verses 22-30

- through Barnabas – 4:36
... and *Saul* – 7:58-8:3, 9:1-31
- who taught them God’s word
- the first “Christians”
- obeyed God’s word...
and shared with their brethren – 2:42-47, 4:32-37, 6:1-7