

Good News for ALL Acts 11 (p.1,015)

A. Resistance to Good News for ALL 11:1-10

In Acts 10, God powerfully communicated that His forgiveness and salvation would make *all people* clean in His sight—as many as believe. But some of the “old guard Jews” **resisted** the notion. They thought salvation was only for people who were circumcised.

God set apart Israel through a symbol that was personal, permanent and associated with **procreation**.

1. Abraham- Genesis 17:1-14
2. Moses- Exodus 4:24-26
3. Joshua- Joshua 5

God is more interested in circumcision **of the heart**.
Romans 2:28-29; 1 Corinthians 7:19

When it comes to salvation, **only faith** in Christ's redemptive work is sufficient.

B. Spread of Good News for ALL 11:19-30

God is forming a new people comprised of souls from every nation.

Psalm 86:9; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 7:9-10

1. Persecution.

God sovereignly used it to spread the Gospel...
Diaspora means *scattered abroad* or *dispersed*.

Acts 8:1

Tiberius Claudius Drusus Nero Germanicus, emperor
41-54 A.D.

2. Barnabas. Son of **Encouragement**.
Spiritual encouragement involves:

- Thinking of others before self.
- Affirming God's unique blessing to another person.

Discipleship is a critical aspect of the Spread of the Good News.

3. Saul.
God uses people **of all sorts**.

4. **Famine**.

Application:

Do we think that we're somehow more deserving of grace?

Have we grown indifferent to the eternal destiny of others?

Have we ignored our God-given mission?

We have **unprecedented** opportunity for spreading the Good News today.