

"The Gentile World Accepted"



Acts
Chapter 11

Act 11:2 And when Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision **contended with him,**

Act 11:3 saying, You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them.

Barnes notes “**And eateth with them** - Contrary to the received maxims of the scribes. By eating with them he showed that he did not despise or overlook them.”

Gal 2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

Gal 2:12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, **fearing the circumcision party.**

Gal 2:13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.



Peter's expiation

- He saw a vision.
- The Spirit told him to go.
- Took 6 Jews as witnesses.
- An Angel told Cornelius to send for Peter.
- Peter was to give words for salvation.
- They received the Spirit.
- Who was I to stand in God's way?

Act 11:15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.

Act 11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

Act 11:17 If then God gave the **same gift** to them as he gave to us **when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ**, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

“same gift”

Holy Spirit fell on them.

They only had the power to speak in other languages no other power mentioned.

No record of this power being ongoing.

This was only a sign to show acceptance of the Gentiles, not a work to verify the gospel.

Act 15:7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

Act 15:8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,

Act 15:9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Act 11:17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us **when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ**, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

ESV

Act 11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, **who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ**; what was I, that I could withstand God?

KJV

Act 11:17 If God gave to them the same gift as to us, ***they* having believed on the Lord Jesus Christ**, who was I to be able to prevent God?

MKJV

Main point: God gave them this gift and belief is also necessary.

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Spreading the gospel

Act 8:4 Then, indeed, the ones who had been scattered passed through, preaching the gospel, the Word.

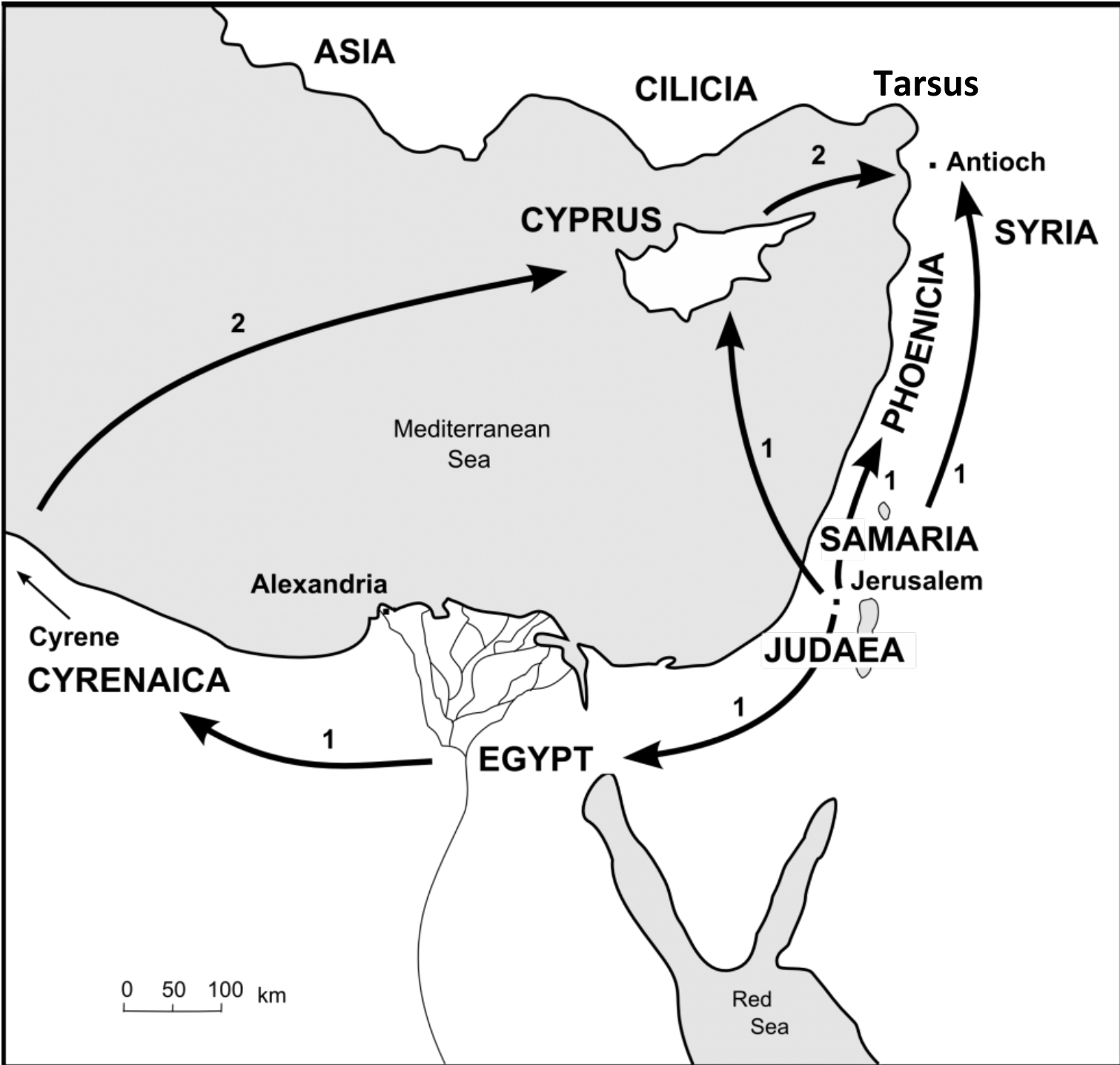
Turned

epistrephō

ep-ee-stref'-o

From G1909 and G4762; to *revert* (literally, figuratively or morally): - come (go) again, convert, **(re-) turn** (about, again).

Strongs



HELLO
my name is

CHRISTIAN

And the disciples were called
Christians first in Antioch. -Acts 11:26

Names they had been called

- Disciples
- Believers
- Brethren
- Saints
- Those of the way

**Not only a name but a
description!**

A follower of Christ

Unifying believers

Isa 62:2 The nations shall see
your righteousness, and all the
kings your glory, and you shall
be called by a **new name** that
the mouth of the LORD will
give.

This is described by Josephus (*Antiq.*, book 20, chapter 2, section 5). “A famine,” says he, “did oppress them at the time (in the time of Claudius); and many people died for the lack of what was necessary to procure food withal.

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Sending aid to other Christians

