

# The Antioch Accent

Text: Acts 11:26

## Intro

1. In the 1960s → placed appeared at many protest rallies + social action marches.
2. On this placard → statement → Jews - yes!  
Christianity → NO!
3. Why we analyze the meaning of this statement → we know:
  - 1) real desire to know Christ
  - 2) " " to experience his powerhood / presence / power.
4. Often find it difficult to know him fully because of:
  - 1) differing interpretations.
  - 2) Incommensurable structures.
  - 3) Antiquated bureaucracy.
  - 4) Institutional traditions.
5. Problem is → caught up in the process → miss the meaning of the persons.
6. Intensity that of the 5 bil people in the world → 1.5 bil are professing Christians.
7. But what do these statistics mean?
  - 1) N.T. uses the word Christian → only 3 times.
  - 2) Uses the word → disciples → over 300 times.

8. Truth is → word, Chertov's has become.

1) Oweemed

2) Generalized

3) Watered down → Concept

4) Little significance in the real meaning of discipleship.

9. Look at N.T. church → joy / power / → product.

10. Acts 2: 46, 47 →

1) Continued daily

2) One accord in the temple.

3) Broke bread from house to house.

4) Ate their food with gladness + singleness of heart.

5) Praising God

6) Having favor with all the people

7) Lord added daily those who were being saved.

11. In the N.T. sense → disciples are followers / learners / → accept Christ as Messiah / submitted / Crucify flesh / Renew in spirit / Live by the values of the Kingdom.

12. The Kingdom of God is:

1) Lk. 17: 21 → Inner life.

2) Heb. 12: 28 → Copying life → "We are receiving kingdom which cannot be shaken → let us have grace by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence + godly fear."

3) Perceiving life → Luke 9:62 →

4) ~~See~~ Matt. 5:3 → Servicing Life →  
Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5) James 2:5 → Inheritance Life →  
Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith + heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him?

13. Look at the world today → Wonder, 'What is the answer?' Hydrom Water us

1. Mat. 16:18

2. Rom. 14:17

3. I Cor. 15:50 → Flesh + blood  
perish cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

4. I Cor. 15:54

14. Answer is:

1) Ps. 44:5

2) Lk. 10:19

3) Ps. 118

15. Point of that power → his the dependent life of disciples → James Journey → 1:20ff →

1) Loyside all bitterness

2) " " the overflow of wickedness.

3) Receive with meekness the implanted Word.

4) Be doers of the Word → not hearers only.

5) James 4:7

(1) Submit to God

(2) Resist the Devil.

(3) He will flee from you.

(4) Show near to God  
He will draw near to you.

(5) Jezebel oppression  
of soul  
He will not touch you.

Then and  
devil come →  
that bond  
to the Father  
elect, power, authority  
+ power  
Always mental  
put all his  
strength under  
his feet

16. Question: How does a diaspora live? What are the dimensions?

17. Time to test: Christian first at Antioch?

- 1) Term referred to the Christ party. | <sup>normal</sup>
  - 2) Antioch was the launching pad. | <sup>Plattner → 2006</sup>
  - 3) Located in Syria → Antiochia, Turkey.
  - 4) Provincial capital → 2nd largest → empire.
  - 5) Stable environment →
    - (1) Public order
    - (2) Prosperous urban culture
    - (3) Gentile interest in Judaism.
    - (4) Religious tolerance
    - (5) Good roads + communication lines.
    - (6) Energetic centers for Christianity →
- Hellenists → A.D. 40 → (background)

18. Antioch event → true disciples → what is it?

- 1) Ill: Little girl + Hoody → Ever seen (Christ)
- 2) Ill: Boy + girl friend / David + Sami → (Communion)

19. Certain dimensions → First Christians

20. Greek Words:

## I. Believes in Faith

1. John 3:36 → He who believes in the Son has eternal life. + he who does not believe in the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.
2. Greek Word → πιστεύω →
  - 1) Verbs: conviction motivated by our highest aspirations.
  - 2) Joyful trust in Christ as Lord.
  - 3) Full confidence in Word.
3. Del: Oubody else nyther?
4. Del: Letter.

## II. Friend in Promise

1. John 15:15 → No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known to you."
2. G. Word → φίλος → Sense of closeness → special kind of relationship.
  - 1) Originated in faith.
  - 2) Initiated by choice.
  - 3) Characterized by evasions.
3. Rom. 8:14ff.      4. Ill-John Tauler

Transitions

### III. Witness In Testimony

1. Acts 22:15 → "For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen & heard."

2. G. Wood → martus →

- 1) Verify what seen/ heard/ experienced.
- 2) Relevance of Act 22 → Paul's Witness.
- 3) Act 23:11 → "The Lord stood by me Paul & said → "Be of good cheer → Paul → for as you have testified for me in Jerusalem → so you must also bear witness in Rome."

M. 9:25  
Read/ see

3. 2L: Stew → waiter. → p. 55

### IV. Steward In Trust

1. 1 Pet. 4:10 → As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

2. M. Word: oikonomos. → deuts.

- 1) Call
- 2) Coordinator of family affairs
- 3) Management of household

3. Christ's ~~to~~ Communion → left it to us.

4. Peter to Aida Murray → use gift. Woman at P'tel

5. 2L: Minister → what a waste 2L: What a waste

# V. Light In Influence

1. Mat. 5: 14-16 →

- 1) You are the light of the world.
- 2) A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 3) Nor do they light a lamp & put it under a basket, but on a lampstand → ~~that~~
- 4) and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- 5) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works & glorify your Father in heaven.

2. W. Wod → phos → Always end

- 1) Synonyms → road, influence, power, good, moral, right.
- 2) Illuminatio → Word/Light (Way of Wod)
- 3) Influence → ~~Always~~ Word/Light  
Edison Edison, Franklin

3. Joh. Calvin/ Geneva. - p. 38