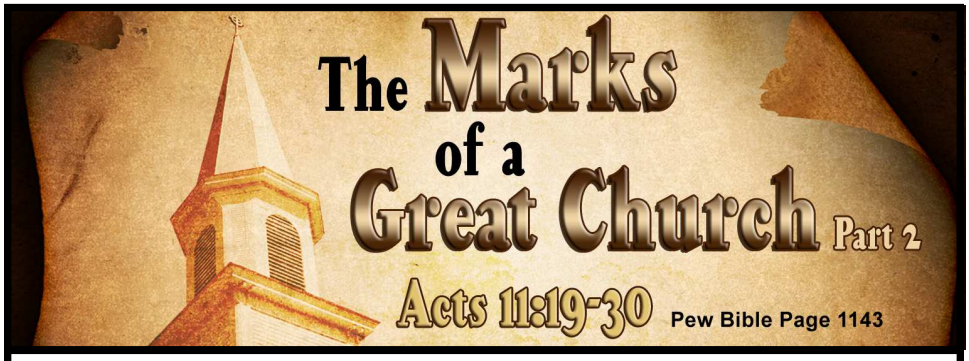

- After years of waiting, Paul received a call to go and minister in the church at Antioch of Syria. This was an incredibly unique church.
- What were the characteristics that made the church at Antioch such a great church?

First, this church _____ proclaimed Jesus Christ. vs. 19-21

Second, this church possessed Spirit-filled _____. vs. 22-25

Third, this church helped believers to _____ in their faith. vs. 26

- *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."* **1 Peter 2:2**
- Just as you would expect a newborn baby to grow, a _____ believer must also grow.
- What happens if new believers are **not** rooted and grounded in the truth of God's Word?
- *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."* **Ephesians 4:14**
- Churches in America need desperately to return to the emphasis of _____ teaching.
- God's plan is for people in a local church to be taught God's Word so that they, in turn, can teach _____.

- *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* **2 Timothy 2:2**
- What happens when the Bible is being taught? People understand God's Word and begin to _____ out God's Word. All the people of Antioch started calling these people "Christians." vs. 26
- A Christian is one who has placed his faith and trust in Jesus Christ and made a decision to _____ Him.
- Antioch was a great church because God's Word was being taught, and lives were being changed and transformed into Christ's likeness.

Fourth, this church demonstrated the _____ heart of Christ.

- Notice some key insights about their giving:
  - ⇒ _____ was involved in giving.
  - ⇒ Everyone gave according to their _____.
  - ⇒ Everyone was determined to give.
  - ⇒ Everyone _____ through on their commitment and gave. vs. 30