

**DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH NL | SUNDAY SERMON | 17 MAY 2026**  
**THE WONDER OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL**  
**Acts 11:19-30**

***Bible Reading: Acts 11:1-30***

God's grace flows through the Gospel. As those who were scattered abroad by persecution took the word of God to other cities, the power that had worked in Jerusalem and Judea also went with them, causing marvellous changes in the lives of the recipients. The good news of Christ's death and resurrection is the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16). Where this Gospel is fully preached and truly embraced, wonders occur. Visible in these wonders is the evident transformation in the lives of the hearers. What is it?

**GLORIOUS LIGHT, HEAVENLY LIFE Acts 11:19-21**

Believers who were scattered abroad preached Jesus. The Lord went with them and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. The preaching of Jesus brings spiritual illumination. Jesus is the Light of the world; whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness but will be free from confusion and ignorance (John 1:4; 8:12). Gospel truth reveals the works of the devil and empowers the believer to escape from them. The power of the Gospel turns man from the darkness of Satan into the light of God's knowledge, which brings life eternal (Acts 26:17,18; 2 Cor 4:6; John 17:3). It raises man from spiritual death (separation from God) into the consciousness of His being and fellowship (John 10:10; 11:25). Christ has abolished death through the Gospel; everlasting life is God's gift to all who believe in Him (2 Tim 1:8-10). It is heavenly life. If you have received Jesus, praise God: you have received God's light and God's life!

**GRACIOUS LIBERTY, HEAVENLY LIFT Acts 11:22-24**

When Barnabas came to Antioch, he saw the grace of God exhibited in those who had believed. The Gospel brings true freedom, which is ability to do what is right. The Gospel is good news; it is proclamation of liberty to those who have been imprisoned by the devil (Isa 61:1). The knowledge of the truth makes man free from sin, sickness, eternal sorrow, Satan and the works of the flesh (John 8:30-32). It sets free from demonic affliction, powers that pull downwards, fear of death and the eternal consequences of the fall of Adam. Liberty comes when one quits unbelief and turns to the Lord in faith (2 Cor 3:16,17). The Gospel liberates man from guilt and condemnation (Rom 8:1-3). It promotes the slave to a son (Rom 8:16,17; Gal 4:7; Tit 3:3-7). Being delivered, we are lifted above principalities and powers and made to sit with Christ in heavenly places (Luk 1:68-75; Eph 2:4-7, 19-22). Satan's legal control on us is broken; we are free to live as God ordained us to be; we become children of God, joint-heirs with Christ.

**GODLY LIVING, HEAVENLY LOVE Acts 11:25-30**

Barnabas enlisted Paul with him and they taught the full Gospel in Antioch. Those who had believed continued in the Apostles' doctrine. The effect was visible: godliness. They exhibited changed character and brotherly love. The Gospel of salvation changes man's nature. It enables man to live in newness of life. The grace that brings salvation also teaches man to deny ungodliness and live godly in this present world (Tit 2:11-14). Man is not only forgiven but also cleansed to **"go, and sin no more"**, to walk like Jesus (John 8:10,11; 1 John 2:1,6). The Gospel does not leave man selfish; it enables him to love God and love his neighbour. The new believers were so bonded with the rest of the Body, that they sent relief to the needy saints in Jerusalem, whom they had probably never seen. Where the Gospel is embraced, love becomes practical and knows no boundaries of age, race or level of grace. The Gospel breaks every barrier. Have you received Jesus as your Lord? Are there visible changes in your life?

**"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mk 1:15)**