

# What's in a Name

Acts 11:19-26

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<sup>20</sup> But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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<sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

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<sup>22</sup> The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

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<sup>9</sup> But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup> and said,

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**23** When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,

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**24** for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. **25** So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,

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**26** and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

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# What Does it Mean to Walk as a Little Christ?

## Three Discoveries.

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## God Uses Awful Things.

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## So, What Happened to Stephen?

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,

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**So, What Happened to Stephen?**

<sup>53</sup> you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." <sup>54</sup> Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

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**So, What Happened to Stephen?**

<sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.

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**So, What Happened to Stephen?**

<sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

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20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

**God Does New Things.**

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10 "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

**God Changes Former Things.**

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<sup>26</sup> And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

**There is Power in Pressing on.**

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**Are You Ready for the New to Come?**

**Jesus is Ready.**

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