

# Grace That Can Be Seen

Acts 11:22-26

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## I. God's Grace Should Be Checked Out

Barnabas was a faithful, trusted, gracious and very **d**\_\_\_\_\_ brother. (Act.11:22-26)

Here is a principle followed by the early churches – **C**\_\_\_\_\_ it out – not everything is what it claims to be:

1) There are counterfeit **p**\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Christ. (2Cor.2:17; 4:1-2; 11:13-15)

2) There is a counterfeit **s**\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Christ.

a) There were those who sought to fool **o**\_\_\_\_\_ about their salvation. (2Co.3:1)

b) There were those who had fooled **t**\_\_\_\_\_ about salvation. (2Co.13:5)

## II. God's Grace Can Be Checked Out

1) God's Grace can be **s**\_\_\_\_\_. (Act.11:23)

2) There are **e**\_\_\_\_\_ that can be seen when the Holy Spirit quickens the sinner to faith in Jesus Christ. (Act.11:23; Joh.3:7-8; 2Co.13:5; 1Jo.2:3-5; 3:14)

3) God's true preachers are made known by their **f**\_\_\_\_\_. (Mat.7:14-20; Rev.2:2)

## III. God's Grace When Displayed Brings Joy

1) When our heart are right there is a **d**\_\_\_\_\_ to see sinners saved, and a joy when they are. (Act.11:23)

We are getting a taste of the joys going on in H\_\_\_\_\_ when one repents here. (Luk.15:4-7)

2) It is not the **p**\_\_\_\_\_ of grace that brings joy, but the evident display of it. (Act.11:23; 1Th.1; 2Jo.4)

## IV. God's Grace Does Not Mean We Don't Need Others

Discerning Barnabas saw that Saul had **s**\_\_\_\_\_ gifts and abilities these brethren needed for their edification. (Act.11:23-26)

1) God has ordained that **y**\_\_\_\_\_ need others: children need parents; society needs rulers. (Pro.22:6; Rom.13:1-7)

2) A believer cannot mature **p**\_\_\_\_\_ without the leadership God has ordained. (Eph.4:8-12; Heb.13:7,17)

## V. God's Grace Leads to the Perseverance of the Saints

1) Good elders are those who teach not to lean on them, but on the **L**\_\_\_\_\_. (Act.11:23; Joh.15:1; 2Co.1:; 4:5)

2) The Lord Jesus is our **l**\_\_\_\_\_. (Col.3:4; Joh.17:3; Joh.15:5-6)

3) True believers do cleave unto the Lord, and they **m**\_\_\_\_\_. (Joh.8:30-31; Heb.3:13-14)

4) It is because of **g**\_\_\_\_\_ that they do so. (Phi.1:6; 2:12-13)

Have you come to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?  
Are you with purpose of heart clinging unto the Lord?