

# Are We Building It GREAT?

## Acts 11:19-26

What is a GREAT CHURCH anyway?

Let's look at SEVEN THINGS that made the Early N.T. Church one of the GREATEST the world has Ever Known AND see How Bethel Baptist stacks up...

### 1. THEY HAD A GREAT PURPOSE.

- Their Purpose was encompassed in one phrase, "OBEY the Savior."
- Thru their Obedience they obtained the Promise (Acts 1:8)
- Bethel Baptist has the SAME PURPOSE...to Help people get to Heaven.

### 2. THEY HAD GREAT PRAYER. (Acts 12:1-10)

- The church people Offered CONSTANT Prayers to God for Peter.
- YOU have ACCESS to the throne of God.
- Never Underestimate the POWER of PRAYER.

### 3. THEY HAD GREAT PREACHING.

- Peter was an Ordinary man & not really a Great Preacher...
- Peter's Preaching Exalted our Great Savior...Encouraged Great Servants & Exposed Great Sin & people Responded!

### 4. THEY HAD GREAT POWER.

- This Power depends upon CLEAN LIFE.
- This Power also depends on a CONSISTENT WALK.
- This Great Power also depends on CONTINUAL ASKING. (Luke 11:9-13)

### 5. THEY HAD GREAT PERSECUTION. (Acts 11:19)

- Jesus Said to His disciples, "In the world you shall have Tribulation."
- Jesus May NOT Ask us to DIE for Him, He DOES Ask us to LIVE for Him...

### 6. THEY HAD GREAT PEOPLE.

- They were Willing to Give up their Very Life's WORK.
- They were Willing to Give Up Worldly WEALTH.
- They were Willing to Give Up their Very LIVES.
- Bethel Baptist has a Great Message, a Great Mission & Great Members.

### 7. THEY HELD TO GREAT PROMISES.

- They had a Promise of Heaven, and so do we.
- They had a Promise of the Holy Spirit, and so do we.
- They had a Promise of Genuine Happiness, and so do we. (1 John 2:25)
- Do you want to Become Part of something GREAT God is Doing HERE?