

The Feast of Firstfruits IV

“Blessed – happy, fortunate (to be envied) – are the people who know the joyful sound (**who understand and appreciate the spiritual blessings symbolized by the Feasts**); they shall walk, O Lord, in the light and favor of Thy countenance” *Psalm 89:15 Amplified*

^{NKJ} *James 1:18* Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, **that we might be a kind of firstfruits** of His creatures.

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^{NKJ} *Acts 11:26* And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And **the disciples were first called** Christians in Antioch.

Why were they called Christian first at Antioch?

What was different about the Antioch model?

Consider *Acts 11-16*...

II

The church must be open and far reaching.

The church must be evangelist and missional.

The church must reach lost people.

The church must reach the lost everywhere.

Consider *Matthew 28:19* and *Mark 16:15*...

III

The church must make room for new people.

The church must work to reconcile people to the Father.

Consider *Luke 15:25-32* ...

IV

The older son was compliant but not connected.

He came near however he never came in. **Vs 25 and 28**

He worked in his father's house but never received the father's heart.

Christians reach far to reach the lost!

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