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19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen...

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...made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

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20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

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First called Christians because:

They Preached the Gospel of Christ 19-21

- Jerusalem - Peter & John
- Judea - Apostles
- Samaria - Philip

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Acts 1-12

Jerusalem - Judea - Samaria - Ends of the World!
(Peter, Phillip & other Apostles)

The map shows the Mediterranean Sea to the west, the Sea of Galilee to the north, and the Jordan River to the east. Key locations are marked: Nazareth, Caesarea, Joppa, Lydda, Jerusalem (marked with a red cross), Azotus, Samaria, Sychar, Bethany-across-the Jordan, and the Dead Sea. A scale bar indicates 50 miles and 80 km. A path is shown with numbered points 1 through 7, starting from Jerusalem and moving outwards.



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22 The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.

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23 Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

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24 for he was a good man,
and full of the Holy Spirit and
of faith. And considerable
numbers were brought to the
Lord.

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25 And he left for Tarsus to
look for Saul;

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26 and when he had found
him, he brought him to Antioch.
And for an entire year they met
with the church and taught
considerable numbers; and the
disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.

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First called Christians because:

- They Built Up the Body of Christ 22-26
 - The Grace of God 23
 - The Encouragement of the Church 23
 - The Commitment to the Church 23

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First called Christians because:

- The Growth of the Church 24
- The Leadership for the Church 22,25
- The Commitment to God's Word 25-26
- The Testimony of the Church 26

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27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

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28 One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

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29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

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30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

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First called Christians because:

- They Lived the Life of Christ 27-30
 - Lived by faith
 - Acted by faith

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“...the name without the reality will only add to our guilt!”

Matthew Henry

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Real conviction of the heart is always translated into action.

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