

## **Progress Amid Opposition, Pt 1**

Acts 11:19-30

**Do you like progress?**

**Progress** (11:19-30)

**Birth of the church in Antioch** (19-26)

Why Antioch?

Jewish extension (19)

Gentile expansion (20)

God's hand (21)

Jerusalem's caution (22-23)

Barnabas' influence (24-26)

Character

Commitment to people

Saul

Antioch church

No one can do it **all**.

Team ministry

Transformed people and community

Are YOU using YOUR gifts and abilities?

**Benevolence** (11:27-30)

Famine – in the reign of Claudius (27-28)

Gifts for those in need (29-30)

**Proportional**

Not equal amounts but equal concern and **sacrifice**.

**Determined**

⇒ planned; deliberate

set with boundaries

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Blessings of giving

**Take it Home**