

**NOW IS THE TIME**  
**Part 4: TRANSFORM!**  
**October 8, 2017**

"... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)

**IN ORDER TO BE A TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH GNG MUST HAVE...**

"Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus." Acts 11:19-20 (NIV)

**A.     A \_\_\_\_\_ TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS.**

"... I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 (NIV)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (NIV)

- **ROOTS**
- **Christmas Challenge**

"The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts." Acts 11:21-23 (NIV)

**B.     A \_\_\_\_\_**

- **Christmas Baptism: Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38 (NIV)

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17 (NIV)

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." John 14:26 (NIV)

"He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." Acts 11:24-26 (NIV)

C. A \_\_\_\_\_

"During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul."

Acts 11:27-30 (NIV)

D. A \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR THOSE IN NEED**

- **Rice & Bean Packing Event: Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**
- **Haiti Child Sponsorship**
- **Christmas Free Sale: Saturday, December 2nd**

**MY TRANSFORMATIONAL STEP THIS WEEK IS...**

- Read Acts 17:16-31/Get on the Bible Reading Plan (Read Scripture)
- Sign-up for the Christmas Baptism
- Attend CLASS 301 Next Sunday  
- Sign-up by checking the box on the back of the Communication Card
- I will get involved in a serving opportunity whether through an ongoing ministry, the Rice & Bean Event, Haiti Child Sponsorship or the Christmas Free Sale
- I will invite at least one unchurched person to GNG and/or ROOTS