**The Marks of a Healthy International Church**

Acts 11:19-30

*The people spread the gospel message* (Acts 11:19-21)

*They are open to accountability* (Acts 11:22)

*They are steadfast in their faith* (Acts 11:23-24)

*They receive biblical instruction* (Acts 11:25-26)

**Acts 26:28**

And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”

**1 Peter 4:16**

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

*They are compassionate to those in need* (Acts 11:27-30)

On NT prophets

“Their functions were various and included both exhortation and foretelling of the future; they may well have given expositions of the Old Testament, using their spiritual insight to show how its prophecies were being fulfilled in the events connected with the rise of the church. Their activity was connected with the new sense of inspiration associated with the gift of the Spirit to the church.”

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