

Bible Not-So-Trivial Trivia

- In **Luke 18:19**, Jesus said, “Why do you call me ‘good’? No one is good except the one God.” (PJV)
- **Romans 3:10** says “There is none who does good”
- But **Luke in the Spirit called two men “good”** (**AGATHOS Luke 23:50-51; Acts 11:24; 4:36**)
- Both are named **Joseph**
 1. a **Sanhedrin ruler** from **Arimathea**
 2. a **Levite** from **Cyprus** that the **apostles named...**

**BARNABAS:
SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

ACTS 4:32-37

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32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of **one heart** and **one soul**; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they **had all things in common**. **33** And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. **34** Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, **35** and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. **36** And **Jose**s, who was also named **Barnabas** by the apostles (which is translated **Son of Encouragement**), a **Levite** of the country of **Cyprus**, **37** having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Barnabas

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Sacrificial giving 1 John 3:16-18

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16 By this **we know love**, because **He laid down His life** for **us**. And **we** also **ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**. **17** But whoever has this world's goods, and **sees his brother** in **need**, and **shuts down his tender feelings** for **him**, **how can the love of God** be in **him**?

18 **My little children**, let **do not be loving only by word** or **speech**, **but especially in action** and **truth** (PJV).

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Following Jesus John 13:14-17,34-35

Acts 9:22-31

22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. **24** But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. **25** Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

26 And **when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples**; but **they had been scared of him**, and **not believing** that he was a disciple. **27** But **Barnabas took him** and **led him to the apostles** (PJV).

Acts 9:22-31

And **he declared** to **them** how **he had seen the Lord** on the road, and that **He had spoken** to him, and how **he had preached boldly** at **Damascus** in **the name of Jesus**. **28** So **he** was with **them at Jerusalem**, coming in and going out. **29** And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. **30** When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

31 Then **the churches** throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria **had peace** and **were edified**. And walking in **the fear of the Lord** and in the **comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied**.

Barnabas

All Christians require fellowship

The church feared Saul

**Barnabas took Saul, led him to apostles,
declared Saul's conversion**

Barnabas saw Saul's need 1 John 3:17

Also saw the church's need 1 Cor. 12:12-27

He acted

**He helped Saul, the church in Jerusalem and
all churches everywhere to multiply**

Acts 11:19-26

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, **preaching** the word **to** no one but the **Jews only**. **20** But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to **Antioch**, **spoke to the Hellenists**, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. **21** And the **hand of the Lord was with them**, and a **great number believed** and **turned to the Lord**.

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the **church** in **Jerusalem**, and **they sent out Barnabas to** go as far as **Antioch**. **23** When he came

Acts 11:19-26

and had seen the **grace of God**, he was **glad**, and **encouraged them** all that with **purpose of heart** **they should continue with the Lord**. **24** For he was a **good man**, full of the **Holy Spirit** and of **faith**. And a **great many people were added** to **the Lord**.

25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. **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 first in Antioch were the disciples called **Christians** (PJV).

Barnabas

“Hellenists” means Greek-speaking Jews in Acts 6:1;9:29 or, as in Acts 11:19-20, Greeks distinct from Jews

Antioch is the first integrated congregation

Special situation required a special man

A good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith (a prophet in Acts 13:1)

An encourager

A peacemaker

Children of God

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God **Matt. 5:9**

Love your enemies...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven **Matt. 5:44-45**

God loved us so much that He gave His Only Son to die for us so that we could become His sons! John 3:16

Because of **the Lord's** death, we can be **sons of God by faith when we are baptized into Christ Galatians 3:26-29**

Galatians 3:26-29

26 For you are all sons of God through the faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.