



The Way



FAMOUS FIRSTS

*Discovering Who We Are
by Learning Where We Began
Understanding Where We are Going
by Knowing Where We Started*

Not Discussed

**We have not discussed the
first church building yet**

We discussed the first worship service

**No sermon on the first kind
of music sung**

**We have not even mentioned
the first fellowship supper**



The Goal

We have been looking
at these first events

We have been looking at what changed
in the early church because
of these events

We have been applying
that change to us



**From these famous
first I hope that we find
in all these firsts there
is but one common
thread for the
Early church**



**Unfortunately for
many churchgoers
today, we have turn
the church into an
island and not a
voyage**



The First "Christians"



“Christian”

The literal term would be
Christ Follower

It is used only 3 times in scripture

The third time is in 1 Peter 4:16
(Persecution)

The second time is actually is
part of a question (Acts 26:28)



**The First
“Christians”
(Acts 11:19-25)**



Persecution

But note as the people were going still their main focus was on spreading the gospel to the Jews

However, some began to break ranks and witnessed to the Greeks and the Greeks began to accept Jesus

Thus we now have the
FIRST Gentile Church



**Is it the
real deal?**



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real deal?**



What Changed?



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The Name

What were they called before?
(Acts 9:1-2)

Why that?
(John 14:6)



The First Gentile Church

Not the first gentile followers

They were going to have
different traditions

They were probably going to "do"
church differently

They may sing different songs

They may play different instruments

They may even have a little
different theology



**But it was All still
considered
THE CHURCH**



Applying to Us

What is a Christian?

Remember the term Literally Means
"Christ Follower"



A Christian Must:

Believe who Christ is (Romans 3:22)

Accept what Christ did (Acts 2:22-25)

Repent of Sins (Acts 2:38)

**Receive what Christ offered
(Ephesians 1:13)**

**Follow Christ Commands
(1 John 3:23-24)**



**What did
Barnabas See?**



**If We Know
The Way,
why are we
determined
to live on
an Island?**

