

'No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.'

Cyprian

'But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother'

Galatians 4:26

The Church born in Jerusalem

Apostolic gospel

The foundation of belief.

**The birth of the church
brought a spiritual and
social revolution to the world.**

**Faith in Jesus transcended cultural
and social backgrounds (4:32-37).**

Acts 4:32-34

All the believers were one in heart
and mind. No one claimed that
any of their possessions was their
own... shared everything they
had...there were no needy
persons among them.

Fellowship with God (2 Cor 13:14)

Faith in Action (1 John 3:16-17)

Possessions are a gift from God.

**Detach ourselves from selfish
individualism and materialism.**

Meeting needs combats greed.

Acts 4:34-35

*For from time to time those who
owned land or houses sold them,
brought the money from the sales
and put it at the apostles' feet...was
distributed to anyone who had need.*

**Gave their investment portfolio
to God for the mission of God.**

Earn all you can. Save all you can.
Give all you can.
(John Wesley)

Social concern and Evangelism
4:32 4:33

*'Joseph...a Levite from Cyprus the
apostles called Barnabas (son of
encouragement), sold a field he
owned and brought the money and
put it at the apostles' feet' (4:36-37)*

**Sold real estate – radical – biblical!
Could you? Would you do this?**

Barnabas is still giving.

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