

Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 8 Acts 10:1-11:18

Chapter 9 saw Jesus confront the church's persecutor, Saul of Tarsus, and set him apart as apostle to the Gentiles. Filled with the Spirit, Saul then powerfully declared and proved from scripture that Jesus is the Christ of prophecy. We will now turn to the Lord's revelation to Peter that He is no "respector of persons" and the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ was for all people.

Chapter 10: 1-8 An Angel Appears to Cornelius

Question 1: How did the angel describe Cornelius? What did the angel direct Cornelius to do?

Chapter 10: 9-23 Peter's Vision

Question 2: Does Peter's statement in v. 8 give some insight why the Lord gave this revelation to Peter? What does it show about the faithfulness of Jesus' disciples to the law of Moses?

Question 3: How does this event with Peter show that our perspective based on experience or background can be in conflict with God's will?

Question 4: What lesson should we draw from Peter's response to this puzzling vision from God? v. 17, 19. From His response to the Spirit's instruction? vv. 23.

Chapter 10: 24-48 The Gentiles Hear the Good News and Receive the Holy Spirit

• vv. 24-33

Question 5: What did Peter receive by his willingness to ponder the revelation God gave him and to obey the Spirit's instruction? vv 28-29, 34-35

Question 6: What did Cornelius recognize about the visitation he received? v. 33.

• vv. 34-43

Question 7: What did Peter declare about Jesus?

v. 38:

v. 39:

v. 40:

v. 42:

v. 43:

Question 8: What did God's sending of Jesus declare about himself? vv. 34-35.

Question 9: How does Peter describe the unique role of the Apostles? v. 41.

• vv. 44-48

Question 10: What witness did the Holy Spirit provide to these Gentiles? v. 34, 47.

Question 11: How does Luke describe those who received the Spirit? v. 44.

Question 12: What was the effect of the Spirit's "falling" on these Gentiles on the Jewish saints with Peter? v. 45, 47.

Chapter 11: 1-19 Peter Tells the Jewish Saints About the Gentiles' Salvation

Question 13: What did the church suffer from even at this early point? v. 3. How did Peter show the truth of the vision he received against this criticism? vv. 8-9.

Question 14: What did Peter cite as the proof God desired salvation for the Gentiles? vv. 15-16. See also Acts 15:8-9. How did Peter respond to the Spirit? v. 17.

Question 15: How did the Jewish saints describe that salvation? v. 18