

Bible Study

Gods Word in Focus



Week Forty Two

Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:1-48

Acts 10 Summary

Up to this time, the gospel had been preached only to Jews (also Samaritans, who shared a Jewish ancestry).

With the conversion of Cornelius and his household, Gentiles were now granted repentance that leads to eternal life.

Because the Law of Moses for generations had forbid socializing with Gentiles, it took a series of miraculous events to help Jewish Christians realize that they should no longer consider those of other nations as common or unclean.

"Pentecost II – It is no longer a Jewish thing"

Chapter 10 focuses on 2 people: The Apostle Peter and a new character named Cornelius.

Cornelius is a Roman Centurion (he's in charge of 100 men) based out of Ceasarea, Israel.

God sends an angel to Cornelius and tells him, "Go get Peter & bring him to you.

Meanwhile, Peter, while praying sees a vision of a great sheet filled with animals.

Some of those animals are "forbidden-food" for Jews.

God tells Peter in this vision to "kill and eat".

Peter says no as it is against Jewish custom. God reminds Peter of who's in charge!

Peter figures out the vision is about the Gentiles receiving the Word of God

Meanwhile, the Centurion sends men to get Peter and bring him back for a Bible Study.

Peter goes to Cornelius' house to preach Jesus. In the middle of the sermon, people get saved.

People started speaking in tongues like they did at Pentecost in Chapter 2.

The difference between this "tongue" experience and Chapter 2, is that this time Gentiles get saved.

These are the first recorded Gentiles (i.e., non-Jews) to get saved.