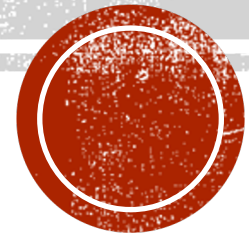


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**EVANGELISM BECOMES A
FOCUS OF THE CHURCH
(ACTS 11) – PART 1**



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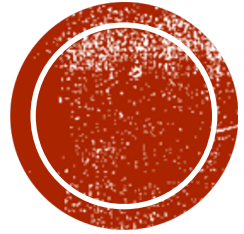
- We saw how Cornelius and his household respond to the Gospel's call.



IN THIS LESSON:

- We will see how Peter convinces the church in Jerusalem that God has reached out to Gentiles with the Gospel.





PETER REPORTS ON THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD.

Acts 11:1 – 18

ACTS 11:1 — 3 (ESV)

1 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, 3 “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”



ACTS 11:4 – 10 (ESV)

4 But Peter began and explained it to them in order: 5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. 6 Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8 But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9 But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ 10 This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.



ACTS 11:11 – 12 (ESV)

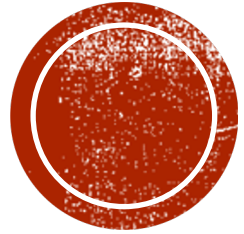
11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. 12 And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.



ACTS 11:13 – 14 (ESV)

13 And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; 14 he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'





**NOTE THAT CORNELIUS WAS
NOT YET SAVED DESPITE
BEING A GOOD MAN.**

ACTS 10:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.



ROMANS 6:17 — 18 (ESV)

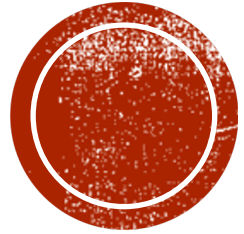
17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.



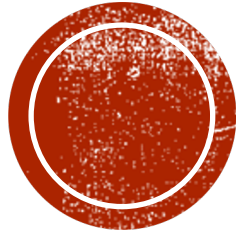
ACTS 11:15 – 17 (ESV)

15 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

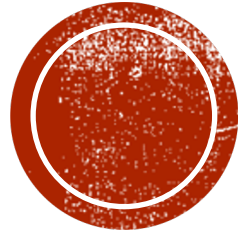




**PETER NOTES THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM
FALLING ON THESE GENTILE
CONVERTS BY RELATING IT BACK
TO THE BEGINNING.**



**ALSO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO
POINT OUT THAT HOLY SPIRIT
BAPTISM WAS OBVIOUSLY A
RARE OCCURRENCE.**



**IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT
CORNELIUS AND HIS HOUSEHOLD
WERE ENDOWED WITH ALL OF THE
POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE APOSTLES.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20 (ESV)

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



JOHN 16:7 (ESV)

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.



JOHN 16:13 (ESV)

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.



ACTS 15:7 – 11 (ESV)

7 And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. 10 Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”



ACTS 11:18 (ESV)

18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”



**IN OUR NEXT STUDY WE WILL GO
ON TO STUDY THE REST OF
CHAPTER 11!**

