

The Gospel is for all

Bible Text: Acts chapters 10, 11, and 12.

Define these words:

Centurion -

Gospel -

Memory Verse

Acts 5:41-42 - "So they departed from the presence of the counsel, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."
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Questions

Chapter 10 gives the account of the gospel being extended beyond just the Jews to the Gentiles. Cornelius is the first Gentile to become a Christian. The Lord had to convince Peter with a vision to preach to Cornelius. The Holy Spirit was imparted to Cornelius like it was to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. This was God's confirmation that he intended salvation to be for the Gentiles also.

1. What caused Cornelius to send for Peter? (Acts 10:1-8)
2. How did God show Peter that the gospel is for the Gentiles also? (Acts 10:9-22,28)
3. What is the main message that Peter and the apostles were to preach? (Acts 10:38,42-43)
4. Did Peter or any apostle lay hands on Cornelius to impart the gift of tongues? (Acts 10:44-47)
5. How did Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit, gift of tongues? (Acts 10:47, 44)

In **Acts Chapter 11**, Peter goes to Jerusalem and some Jews took issue with him about going to the Gentiles. Peter recounts the whole story including his vision of the unclean animals and the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Gentiles just like it was given to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The Jews were convinced. The rest of chapter 11 tells how the gospel was spreading in Cyprus, Phoenicia, and Antioch. There was a famine in the land and the Christians at Antioch sent help to the Christians in Judea.

6. What two men worked with the disciples at Antioch for a full year? (Acts 11:22-26)

7. Where were disciples of Christ first called Christians? (Acts 11:26)

Acts Chapter 12 tells how Herod Agrippa I (AD 44) persecuted the church by killing James the apostle and imprisoning Peter. An angel helped Peter escape and he went to the house of Mary, mother of John Mark. Herod had the guards executed. He then went to Caesarea and made a speech where the people treated him as a god. He accepted this praise so God smote him with worms. He died five days later, eaten by the worms.

8. What motivated Herod to put Peter in prison? (Acts 12:1-3)

9. Describe the security Peter was under when the angel rescued him (Acts 12:4-6)

10. Who went back to Antioch with Barnabas and Saul after they had fulfilled their mission of delivering aid to the needy saints in Judea? (Acts 12:25)