

Chapters 10:24-48

“The Gospel To The Gentiles - Part II”

Summary

- Around 40 A.D., about ten years after the Crucifixion
- The salvation of the first Gentile

Outline

- I. Peter meets Cornelius
 - A. Peter goes to Caesarea - vs. 24
 - B. Cornelius tries to worship Peter - vs. 25-26
 - C. Jew and Gentile meet - vs. 27-29
 - D. Cornelius tells of his vision - vs. 30-33
- II. Peter’s Sermon
 - A. God sees all men the same - vs. 34-35
 - B. The Gospel story - vs. 36-41
 - C. The mission of the Apostles - vs. 42-43
- III. Salvation comes to the Gentiles
 - A. The Holy Ghost falls on Gentiles - vs. 44-46
 - B. Gentiles enter the church through baptism - vs. 47-48

Misc. Notes

- vs. 28 - This command for Jews to separate from Gentiles is not explicitly stated in the Scripture and possibly is more of a tradition or custom. Some examples of regulations of relationships between Jew and Gentile can be found in Leviticus 18:24-30, Deuteronomy 7:3-12, and Ezra 9:11-12.
- vs. 45 - “Circumcision” refers to the Jews. See Ephesians 2:11-13
- vs. 46-48 - Note that the Gentiles received the Holy Ghost (which only saved can do) and were then baptized, another proof that baptism doesn’t save

What’s a Gentile?

- Translated mainly from Hebrew *goy* (“people”) or Greek *ethnos* (“nations”)
- *Gentile* in the Bible is used to describe nations or people who are not Jews
- Basically means “not-Jewish”
- Prophecies that the Gentiles would receive the Gospel - Hosea 2:23, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 55:5-6, Amos 9:11-12

Why We Believe Cornelius Was The First Gentile To Be Saved

- Other candidates
 - The earliest converts were all Jews - 2:14, 3:25-26, etc.
 - The Samaritans were closely related to Jews in race, culture, and religion - 8:5-6
 - The Ethiopian Eunuch appears to have been a Jewish proselyte - 8:27
- Proof for Cornelius
 - Luke is careful to record and detail the events
 - Peter required a heavenly intervention before giving him the Gospel
 - Christianity almost entirely agrees that he is the first
 - The controversy that erupts surrounding his conversion in Chapter 11