

The Book of Acts Study Notes

CHAPTER 10 Part 2

Peter Preaches to the Gentiles

- ❖ KEY PRINCIPLE (VS. 34): GOD IS NOT A RESPECTOR OF PERSONS
 - He is not for sale – Deut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7
 - He does not show favoritism – Rom. 2:1-11 (NIV); Ephesians 6:9
 - What does the Lord accept (dektos: approve)? (Vs. 35) Reverence and Righteousness – Psa. 15:1-2, Psa. 1:1-2; Heb. 10:22

- ❖ Vs. 36-37:
 - The Word was published (proclaimed) – we have the same Word but use diverse means to proclaim it
 - Peace – reconciliation between God and man – Eph. 2:14-16

- ❖ Vs. 38-40: God did it
 - Vs. 38: Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and Power – Isa. 61:1-3; Luke 4:18
 - Jesus healed all that were oppressed of the devil – Mat. 4:23
 - God was undeniably with Jesus because He pleased Him – John 3:2, 8:29
 - Vs. 39: We are His witnesses – Acts 1:8
 - They killed Jesus where He had done so much good – Acts 2:23
 - Vs. 40: God raised Him on the third day – Mat. 12:39-40; **John 2:19-22**

- ❖ The open witness to the chosen
 - ➔ BEFORE THE PUBLIC WITNESS, THERE WAS A PRIVATE WITNESS
 - We must be sure of the Gospel as we publicize to others – John 20:27-29; 2 Tim. 1:12
 - They ate with Him after the resurrection – Luke 24:21-31; **36-44**

- ❖ The command to preach – vs. 42: Mat. 28:19
 - To inform of the Son's authority and ultimate judgement – **John 5:22-29**; Rom 14:9-12

- ❖ The prophets all gave witness – Isa. 42:1; Jer. 31:34; Hos. 6:1-3
 - Our sins forgiven by believing on Him – John 3:16; Rom. 10:11; Gal 3:22-28

The Fruit of the Gospel to the Gentiles (verses 44-48)

- ❖ While Peter was still preaching, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard – Acts 4:31
 - What we put in the atmosphere has the potential to change lives forever
- ❖ Vs. 45: the Jews accompanying Peter were shocked to see God pour out His Spirit on the Gentiles
 - God has a way of using those we think He will not use – Isa. 49:6; Acts 11:18
- ❖ Vs. 46: there was manifested evidence – tongues (glóssa) and different from Acts 2 (diálektos)
- ❖ **Vs. 47-48:** When God has removed the limits, we must move with God and receive those He has called

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CHAPTER 11 Part 1

Peter Rebuked for Being in Sync with God

- ❖ We must be willing to move with God
 - Some of our struggles are systemic and historical biases. But how does God see all people – Gal. 3:28; Rev. 7:9; Rom. 10:12

- ❖ Vs. 3: They were upset that Peter went – Mat. 28:19
- ❖ Vs. 4: Peter rehearsed the matter –
 - We as believers must anticipate contention and be prepared to give an answer...

- ❖ Vs. 5-15: Tell your story –

- ❖ Vs. 16: The Word became real when the Holy Ghost fell on them
 - **He also brought back to Peter's remembrance – John 14:26**
 - **Peter did not understand until He remembered the Word of Jesus**

- ❖ Vs. 17: You can't withstand God – Acts 15:8-9; 10:47; Acts 5:39
- ❖ Vs. 18: They still weren't happy but did hold their peace and accept what God has done

The Church in Antioch

- ❖ When the church at Jerusalem heard that Gentiles had been preached to and believed in Antioch, they sent Barnabas, who was from Cyprus to minister to them
- ❖ Upon arrival and witnessing the grace of God on them, Barnabas was happy and encouraged them to cleave to the Lord – Acts 14:43

Questions to Consider

- ❖ Are you open to those God is calling and using?

- ❖ How can you help those coming to the Lord more that are different from you?