

INTRODUCTION

- * Before He ascended, Jesus commanded His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them with power. Jesus also promised them that when the Holy Spirit came upon them that they would become His witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea, in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
- * Over the past month, we have seen how the Good News (gospel) of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for the payment of sins ... had spread into Samaria. We saw then, and revisited last week, how it was Peter who was chosen to "confirm" that the message was truly believed by the Samaritans.
- * The message was then believed on by Saul of Tarsus who was told that he would be the Apostle to the Gentiles - taking the message to the ends of the earth!
- * However, again, as we saw last week, it is Peter - the Apostle to the Jews - whom God would use to begin that process.
- * Today, we continue to see how Christ is going to expand His ministry through Peter - from Judea to Samaria to the Gentiles! Thus, laying the foundation for the work that Saul, who becomes Paul, will continue.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE V _____****A. To Cornelius (10: 1-8)**

1. HIS DESCRIPTION (10: 1-2)
2. HIS TASK (10: 3-8)

B. To Peter (10: 9-23)

1. THE S _____
2. THE S _____
 - a. What He Saw
 - b. What It Meant
 - 1) THE P _____ INTERPRETATION (cf. Acts 15: 7-10, 19-20)
 - 2) THE S _____ INTERPRETATION (cf. Acts 10: 19-22, 28)

II. THE C _____**A. The M _____ of Peter (10: 34-43)**

1. THE I _____ OF GOD (10: 34-35; Psalm 25:14)
2. THE M _____ OF GOD (v. 36-43)
 - a. The Declaration
 - 1) JESUS CHRIST IS THE M _____ (10: 36; cf. Romans 5: 1-2)
 - 2) JESUS CHRIST IS THE J _____ (10: 42)
 - 3) JESUS CHRIST IS THE P _____ (10: 43; cf. Matthew 26:28; I John 2:2; 4:10)
 - b. The Attestation
 - 1) TESTIFIED BY HIS M _____ (10: 38-39)
 - 2) TESTIFIED BY HIS R _____ (10: 40-41)

B. The W _____ of the Holy Spirit (10: 44)**C. The R _____ of the Jews (10: 45 – 11: 18)**

1. THOSE PRESENT (10: 45-48)
2. THOSE IN JERUSALEM (11: 1-18)
 - a. Their C _____ (11: 1-3)
 - b. Peter's E _____ (11: 4-17)
 - c. Their S _____ (11: 18)

INTROSPECTION

*** HOW ARE YOU IN ...**

Responding to the Voice of God?

Responding to the Message of God?

Responding to the Kingdom of God?

* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Thinking of the church of Jerusalem's first reaction to Peter entering the house of Cornelius, how can we as a church assist one another to overcome the prejudices in which we were raised?
- * Secondly, is there a time, or a place, to practice separation from the world? How do we discern the difference between prejudice and wisdom?