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### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 21

### THE GENTILE MISSION OFFICIALLY BEGINS

*A Change of Mind and a Change of Heart that Changed the World*

(Acts 9:32-11:18)

#### INTRODUCTION:

“Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea **heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God**.... When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, **God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.**”

—Acts 11:1, 18

- This section of the Book of Acts is crucial to the major development that is about to unfold as the church is transformed from a \_\_\_\_\_ Movement \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_ Movement \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### THREE MOVEMENTS:

Movement 1: Peter Meets Aeneas in Lydda (9:32-35)

Movement 2: Peter Meets Tabitha in Joppa (9:36-43)

Movement 3: Peter Meets Cornelius in Caesarea (10:1-11:18)

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Three Movements:

- In each movement there is a \_\_\_\_\_ followed by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Three Movements:

- It is almost \_\_\_\_\_ in structure, including \_\_\_\_\_.

3. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Three Movements:

- Only Jesus is Able to \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_.

1A. JESUS HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME... \_\_\_\_\_ . (9:32-35)

“Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed....”

2A. JESUS HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME... \_\_\_\_\_ . (9:36-43)

“Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died...”

### 3A. JESUS HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME... \_\_\_\_\_ . (10:1-11:18)

"Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually...."

#### 1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Its Deliverance and Reception (10:1-16)

1C. \_\_\_\_\_ Vision: (10:1-8)

"About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, "Cornelius!"

2C. \_\_\_\_\_ Vision: (10:9-16)

"On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, **Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray**. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance..."

#### 2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Its Deliverance and Reception (10:17-33)

"Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate..."

#### 3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Its Deliverance and Reception (10:34-48)

"The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, **preaching peace through Jesus Christ** (He is Lord of all... (v. 36) Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." (v. 43)

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message." (v. 44)

#### 4B. The \_\_\_\_\_ : Its Deliverance and Reception (11:1-18)

"And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him... But Peter began speaking and **proceeded to explain to them** in orderly sequence..." (v. 3-5)

### WHAT WE LEARN...

1. ...with Peter: Religious \_\_\_\_\_ , no matter how \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
is \_\_\_\_\_ ...

• Jesus wasn't just changing Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ , he was also changing his \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. ...with Cornelius: Religious \_\_\_\_\_ , no matter how \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
is \_\_\_\_\_ ...