



A SERIES OF ASTONISHING EVENTS THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting November 6, 2022

SHARE

1. God's Word gives us plenty of instructions that are counter-cultural (and sometimes even culturally offensive). What's one thing you would change if you could?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 10:1-48**. Peter and Cornelius both had visions that led to the two of them being connected. What's your big takeaway from the vision of the sheet descending upon the earth (verse 11)?
3. This is not the first where the Holy Spirit comes to a new group of people; how does this add validity to what's happening (and to whom)?
4. This chapter opens up the conversation to which Old Testament laws still apply; several of the epistles address similar questions. Knowing some laws were fulfilled in Jesus and God's moral law still applies, how have you learned to discern which laws still apply?
5. Read **Matthew 5:17-30**. Jesus did not come to abolish the law but fulfill it; how does He actually enhance our understanding of the law in the verses that follow?
6. Jesus in His ministry got upset at times that people would obsess over the minutiae of the Law and miss the "spirit" of the law. We also hear in God's Word that His law is good and wise; how can we come to a better appreciation of this?

PRAY

7. Pray that God's will in our lives would be clear, and that He would give us the strength to live it out.



Bacon Cheeseburgers in Paradise

Acts 10:1-48

November 6, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Let's talk about the LAW.

Do God's laws still apply?

- ALL of them
- SOME of them
- NONE of them

WHICH ONES?!

1. MORAL Law – part of God's UNCHANGING will (natural law)
2. CEREMONIAL Law – worship in the Old Testament
3. CIVIL Law – meant to foster good order in a society

“What God has made CLEAN, do not call COMMON.”

God provided CLARITY, that these ceremonial laws about which faithful Jews had been so careful no longer applied.

GOOD news – BETTER news

North will always be NORTH, and God's moral COMPASS won't change over time, either.

The two purposes of the Bible:

1. Make us wise for SALVATION through faith in Jesus Christ
2. Lead us in HOLY living

BEST news: the Gospel is available to all.

God, CLARIFY Your will for me today and give me the STRENGTH to live and do Your will.

For next week, read Acts 11:1-18