

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES:

Chapter 11

Peter and Things

Much of this chapter is about Peter defending the conversion of Cornelius. The Jerusalem brethren were upset. They said, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." News had gotten back to Jerusalem. What Peter did was a major earthquake in social relationships. To eat with someone was to accept them.

A. It is easy for us to dismiss much of this chapter because it seems to be a repeat of chapter ten. However, we remind ourselves of four important principles when reading the Bible:

- (1) find the _____ background: why is this important?
- (2) find _____ principles: why is this important?
- (3) find _____ applications: why is this important?
- (4) find faith growing _____: why is this important?

B. God's Acceptance of the Gentiles

1. V _____ of the unclean now made clean (11:5-10)
 2. Directed by the _____ to go to Gentiles (11:12)
 3. Holy Spirit came upon them just _____ He did to us (11:15)
 4. They _____ in Jesus (11:17)
 5. They _____ to the words of salvation (11:14)
- Preached words is the avenue of salvation (Mk 16:15-16; Rom 1:16)
 - the Jerusalem brethren were satisfied with this (11:18)

C. The S _____ of the Gospel

- 1:19 is a continuation from Acts 8:4
- evidence of rapid growth (11:21; 24)
- this is a wonderful example of each person doing their part (the apostles stayed in Jerusalem)

D. Barnabas and Paul were at one congregation for a _____ of time (11:26)

- Paul was with the Ephesians for three years (Acts 20:31)

E. The disciples were called _____ in Antioch (26)

- the word Christian means:

What other names are the followers of Christ called in the Scriptures?

The Place of Gentiles

- The promise to Abraham included all (Gen 12:3)
- Jesus spoke of other sheep not of this fold (Jn 10:16)
- The great commission included all (Mk 16:15-16)
- The Galatians were told that there is neither Jew nor Greek...all one in Christ (3:26,27)
- The Scriptures prophesied that God would justify the Gentiles (Gal 3:8)
- This would continue to be hard for Jews to accept (Acts 15:1-5)
- Peter would have trouble with this later on (Gal 2:11-16)



G. God's arrangement to take care of each other (11:27-30)

- This would have been a _____ church sending help to a _____ church
- Helping each other in the church is one of the great blessings we have (1 Cor 16:1-2; Rom 15:26)

