



# WORK OF THE SPIRIT

## Acts Chapter 10

Lesson 8

### FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. How were you blessed by your study of Acts Chapter 9?
2. *What God has cleansed you must not call common!* This was Jesus' word to Peter concerning all that was about to transpire. Jesus was preparing Peter to share the Gospel with the Gentiles and experience again the mighty work of the Holy Spirit.

God's great cleansing work is still taking place among any who will believe on the name of Jesus Christ. Like Peter, we need to be prepared to share the Gospel with anyone God sends us to. Read Acts Chapter 10 and record what ministers to you most from these verses:

- a. Acts 10:1-8
  - b. Acts 10:9-23
  - c. Acts 10:24-43
  - d. Acts 10:44-48
3. Take a moment to thank God for reaching out, cleansing, and anointing you with His Holy Spirit. Write your thanksgiving here.

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Acts 10:38

**SECOND DAY:** Read Acts 10:1-8

1. What do you learn about *a certain man in Caesarea*? Acts 10:1-2
  
2. What happened to Cornelius as he was praying at *about the ninth hour* (three o'clock)? Acts 10:3
  - a. How did he react to this? Acts 10:4a
  
3. What was announced to Cornelius? Acts 10:4b
  - a. What does this convey to you about prayer and service to the Lord? See also Hebrews 6:10.
  
4. What was Cornelius instructed to do? Acts 10:5-6
  - a. What do you find noteworthy about these instructions?
  
5. What did Cornelius do after the angel *had departed*? Acts 10:7-8
  - a. What does his response to the angel's words indicate about him?
  
6. How does today's study minister to you about God reaching out to mankind? See John 4:23b.

**THIRD DAY:** Read Acts 10:9-23

1. What was Peter doing *the next day* as Cornelius' men traveled to Joppa? Acts 10:9b
  
2. Peter then *became very hungry*. What happened as he waited for food to be prepared? Acts 10:10b
  - a. From Acts 10:11-12 describe what Peter *saw*.

3. From Acts 10:13–14 comment on Peter’s response to God’s command: *Rise, Peter; kill and eat.*
  - a. Record God’s word to Peter *the second time.* Acts 10:15
    - (1) What message was God communicating to Peter?
4. Peter saw this vision *three times* (Acts 10:16). Why do you think this was the case?
  - a. What do you find most interesting about Peter’s vision?
5. What happened as Peter *wondered* what the vision *meant*? Acts 10:17b–18
6. As Peter continued thinking about the *vision*, what did the *Spirit* tell him? Acts 10:19b–20
  - a. Why do you think the Holy Spirit also needed to speak to him?
7. Summarize the events of Acts 10:21–23.
8. How does this story speak to you concerning the way God works?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Acts 10:24–43

1. Use Acts 10:24–27 to set the stage as Peter arrived at Cornelius’ house.
  - a. Record Cornelius’ actions upon encountering Peter. Acts 10:25a
    - (1) How did Peter wisely deal with this? Acts 10:26

2. In Acts 10:28a Peter made it clear that it was *unlawful* for him as a Jew to associate with Gentiles. However, what had God *shown* Peter? Acts 10:28b
  - a. Recall the way in which God had *shown* this to Peter. Acts 10:9-16
3. Because of what God revealed to him, Peter *came without objection* to Cornelius (Acts 10:29). Cornelius then explained why he asked Peter to *come*. What do you find remarkable about his testimony? Acts 10:30-33
4. From Acts 10:34-35 choose key points from Peter's response that show God's heart toward mankind.
  - a. Link this with Colossians 3:11 and 2 Peter 3:9. What do you see?
5. Answer the following from Peter's message in Acts 10:36-43:
  - a. What did Peter say about the *word* God sent to the children of Israel? Acts 10:36-37
  - b. Print the declaration that Peter made concerning Jesus in Acts 10:36b.
    - (1) Why was this important to reiterate?
  - c. Comment on Peter's description of Jesus. Acts 10:38
  - d. Of what were the disciples *witnesses*? Acts 10:39-41
    - (1) Connect this with 2 Peter 1:16. Share your thoughts.
  - e. What were the disciples *commanded* to testify? Acts 10:42
  - f. What did *all the prophets* witness? Acts 10:43
    - (1) Peter emphasized this point in 1 Peter 1:10-12. What did he say about their message?
6. How are you blessed by Peter's message?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Acts 10:44–48

1. What happened *while Peter was still speaking*? Acts 10:44b
  - a. Link Acts 10:44c with Romans 10:17. What do you see?
  
2. Note the reaction of *those of the circumcision*. Acts 10:45a
  - a. State the reason for their reaction. Acts 10:45b
    - (1) Why do you think the Holy Spirit's work *astonished* them?
  
3. From Acts 10:46 cite the proof of the Holy Spirit's work.
  - a. Why do you think this evidence was important on this occasion? See also Acts 2:4.
  
4. What did Peter ask in response to this? Acts 10:47
  - a. How did this validate what happened?
  
5. Record the events of Acts 10:48.
  
6. Use the following Scriptures to note how these events fulfilled God's plan for the Gentiles:
  - a. Isaiah 42:1, 6–7
  
  - b. Isaiah 49:6
  
  - c. Luke 2:30–32
  
  - d. John 12:32
  
  - e. Share why you are thankful to be included in the fulfillment of God's plans.

