

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Lesson #10 -Salvation to the Gentiles

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:15-18

Introduction:

1. The last lesson we looked at the door of salvation opened to the gentiles
2. We clearly see that salvation through Jesus is open for whosoever will.
3. Chapter eleven reveals this very fact in several ways

I. THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD -11:1-18

- A. Peter began by defending the grace of God
 1. He is questioned about eating with the gentiles
 2. He then relates the story of events between him and Cornelius
- B. God gave them the same gift
 1. They all spoke in tongues -Ac 10:46
 2. He asks, "Who was I to withstand God?" -Acts 11:17

II. EFFECTIVE PREACHING -11:19-26

- A. Preaching
 1. There were some who only preached to the Jews -11:19
 2. There were others who preached to the Hellenists
 3. The hand of the Lord was with them and many were added to their number.
- B. Encouragement
 1. Barnabas went and encouraged the preaching to the gentiles to continue -11:23
 2. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch-11:26

III. THE BENEFITS PRODUCED -11:27-30

- A. The prophet Agabus predicts an upcoming famine
- B. The disciples were motivated to send relief to the disciples in Judea -11:29, 30
 1. The gentiles received from the Jews salvation for their souls
 2. It was a great honor to be able to give them physical support

Conclusion:

1. Sometimes there are famines to give Christians the opportunity to shine
2. When we shine and share the gospel with others, the kingdom of God grows and flourishes.