Acts 10 Study Guide

Last week, we finished up **Acts 9** where the Scriptures shifted back to Jesus' ministry through the apostle, Peter. He (the apostle Peter) will continue to be the focus of the next couple of chapters. **Acts 10** is pivotal as God teaches and uses Peter to demonstrate that His salvation is for all nations; not just Israel. **This is a 7-day lesson this week.**

Scriptures in Study Guide:

To make things easier, Scriptures will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words. Scriptures included are in the **NKJV** (**New King James Version**).

Day 1 (Acts 10:1-8)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

10 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, **2** a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" **4** And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, Lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. **5** Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. **6** He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." **7** And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. **8** So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:1-2:

- There was a _____ man in Caesarea _____ Cornelius, a centurion of _____ was called the Italian Regiment,
- a devout man _____ one who feared God _____ all his household, _____ gave alms generously to the people, _____ prayed to God always.

• **Questions:**
• What was the certain main in Caesarea's name? _____
• What was Cornelius (what did he do for a living)? _____
• As a centurion, what regiment was Cornelius from? _____
• How was Cornelius described? A _____ man and one who _____ _____with _____his _____, who gave_____ to the _____, and _____ to _____ always.
• What were alms? _____.

Note: God will publicly use this man and his household to "open the doors" of salvation to the Gentiles. A centurion commanded troops (could be anywhere from 100 - several hundred men) called a "century". Cornelius was most likely a Jewish proselyte based upon Scripture's description of him in **Acts 10:2**.

Acts 10:3:

- About the _____ hour of the day he _____ clearly in a _____ an angel of God coming ____ and saying to _____, "Cornelius!"

• **Questions:**
• Who did Cornelius see clearly in a vision at the ninth hour? _____
• What was this "angel of God" doing and saying? _____

Day 1 (Acts 10:1-8); (cont'd)

Acts 10:4:

- _____ when he observed him, he _____ afraid, and said, "_____ is it, Lord?"
- So he said ___ him, "Your prayers _____ your alms have come up _____ a memorial before God.
- **Questions:**
- When Cornelius observed the angel of God in this vision, how did he feel? _____
- What does Cornelius ask? _____

  Note: notice that Cornelius recognizes that it is the Lord God speaking to him through this angel.
- What does the angel of God tell Cornelius that has come up for a memorial before God?
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  Note: this is not an indication that Cornelius' prayers and alms "earned" him this visit. A person can never earn what God freely gives. This is more a result of the "heart" that Cornelius offered up these prayers and alms.
- Write out **Philippians 4:18** -

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- Write out **Ephesians 5:1-2 -**

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Acts 10:5-6:

- Now _____ men to Joppa, _____ send for Simon _____ surname is Peter.
- He is _____ with Simon, a tanner, whose house is _____ the sea.
- He will _____ you what you _____ do."
- **Questions:**
- Where and who is Cornelius suppose to send men? _____
- Who is Simon whose surname is Peter lodging with? _____
- What does the angel of God say that Simon Peter will tell Cornelius? _____
- According to **Acts 9:43**, who and where did Peter stay for some time?

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Acts 10:7-8:

- And when _____ angel who spoke to him had _____, Cornelius called two of his _____ servants and a devout soldier _____ among those who waited on him continually.
- So _____ he had _____ all these things to them, he _____ them _____ Joppa.
- **Questions:**
- When the angel who spoke to Cornelius departed, who did he call?

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- Why do you think that he sent the soldier with them? _____
- After Cornelius explained everything to the 2 household servants and the soldier, where did he send them?_____
- Do you think that Cornelius believed God through the angel He sent? What makes you think that way?_____

Note: a tanner was someone who produced leather from animal hides. This was seen as unclean by many Jews at this time. Simon the tanner was mostly by the sea to be away from the community (due to the smells of his trade) as well as using the sea water in his trade.

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Day 2 (Acts 10:9-16)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

Today's Scriptures:

9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. **10** Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance **11** and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. **12** In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. **13** And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." **14** But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." **15** And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." **16** This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Acts 10:9:

- The next day, _____ they went on their journey _____ drew near the city, Peter _____ up on the _____ to pray, about the _____ hour.
- **Questions:**
- When did they leave?_____
- As they went on their journey and drew near the city (Joppa), what was Peter doing on the housetop about the sixth hour (this would be noon)? _____

Acts 10:10-11:

- _____ he became very hungry and _____ to eat;
- but _____ they made ready, he fell into ____ trance and saw heaven _____
- _____ an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, _____ to him and let _____ to the earth.
- **Questions:**
- When Peter became hungry, what did he want to do? _____
- What did Peter see open when he fell into a trance? _____
- What descended to Peter and was let down to earth in his vision?

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Acts 10:12:

- In it _____ all kinds of four-footed animals of _____ earth, wild beasts, creeping _____, and birds of _____ air.
- **Questions:**
- What was in the sheet?

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Acts 10:13-14:

- And _____ voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill _____ eat."
- But Peter said, "_____ so, Lord! For I have never _____ anything common _____ unclean."
- **Questions:**
- What does the voice that comes to Peter tell him? _____
- What is Peter's response? _____

Note: **Leviticus 11** outlines God's directive for clean and unclean animals. Remember that Peter didn't stop being Jewish and his response indicates his obedience to what God has mandated in the Law.

Write out **Leviticus 20:25-26** -

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Day 2 (Acts 10:9-16); (cont'd)

Acts 10:15-16:

- And a _____ spoke to him again _____ second time, "What _____ has cleansed you _____ not call common."
- This _____ done _____ times.
- And the _____ was taken up _____ heaven again.
- **Questions:**
- What did "a voice" speak to Peter a second time? _____
- How many times was this done? _____
- Where was the object in the vision taken up to again? _____

What do think the Scripture means by "this was done three times"? What is this?

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Note: repetition of 3 times signifies "completeness". When something is repeated in the Scriptures it signifies it's sure to happen; it has been "established by God" (see **Genesis 41:32**)

What do you think it means that "what God has cleansed you must not call common"? (Refer to **John 3:16**)

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Day 3 (Acts 10:17–23)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

Today's Scriptures:

17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.
18 And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. **19** While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. **20** Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them." **21** Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?" **22** And they said, "Cornelius *the* centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you." **23** Then he invited them in and lodged *them.* On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

Acts 10:17:

- ____ while Peter wondered _____ himself what this vision _____ he had seen meant,
- behold, the men _____ had been sent from Cornelius had _____ inquiry for Simon's house, ____ stood before _____ gate.
- **Questions:**
- What does Peter wonder within himself? _____
- As Peter is wondering about this, who inquires before the gate for Simon's house?

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Note: Most cities, in biblical times, had city gates (these were the entrances of the city). They are inquiring where they can find Simon the tanner's house.

Acts 10:18:

- And they _____ and asked whether Simon, whose _____ was Peter, was lodging there.
- **Questions:**
- What did these men (who Cornelius sent) ask about Simon, whose surname was Peter?

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Acts 10:19-20:

- _____ Peter thought about _____ vision, the Spirit _____ to him, "Behold, three _____ are seeking you.
- Arise _____, go down _____ go with them, doubting _____; for I have _____ them."
- **Questions:**
- After the Spirit told Peter that three men were seeking him, what direction did He give Peter?

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- Why did the Spirit tell Peter to doubt nothing? _____
- Why do you think that the Spirit (this is the Holy Spirit; 3rd in the Triune) told Peter to doubt nothing?

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- Write out **Proverbs 19:21** -

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Day 3 (Acts 10:17–23); (cont'd)

Acts 10:21:

- Then _____ went down to the men who _____ been sent to him _____ Cornelius,
- and _____, "Yes, I am he _____ you seek.
- _____ what reason _____ you come?"
- **Questions:**
- What does Peter do?

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- What does Peter tell these men? _____
- What does Peter ask them? _____

Acts 10:22:

- And they _____, "Cornelius the centurion, a just _____, one who _____ God and has a good reputation _____ all the nation of _____ Jews, was divinely _____ by a holy angel to summon _____ to his house, and _____ hear words from you."
- **Questions:**
- How do these men first identify Cornelius? _____
- What type of man do they first say that Cornelius is? _____
- How do these 3 men go on to define how Cornelius is "just"?

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  Note: this would indicate to Peter that Cornelius was most likely a convert to Judaism (a Jewish follower).
- What do they say that Cornelius was "divinely instructed by a holy angel to do?

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Acts 10:23:

- Then he _____ them in _____ lodged *them.*
- On the _____ day Peter went away with _____, and some brethren ____ Joppa accompanied him.
- **Questions:**
- What did Peter invite them in to do?_____

  Note: it is approximately 30 miles from Joppa to Caesarea and most likely needed to rest before they turned around to go back with Peter.
- When Peter went with them the next day, who did he take with him? _____

  Note: God is about to something miraculous. These Jewish brethren will be other witnesses of what God is going to do.

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Day 4 (Acts 10:24–33)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

Today's Scriptures:

24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25** As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. **26** But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." **27** And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. **28** Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. **29** Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?" **30** So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, **31** and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. **32** Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.' **33** So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.".

Acts 10:24:

- And the following day _____ entered Caesarea. Now _____ was waiting for them, and had called together his _____ and close friends.
- **Questions:**
- Where do Peter, the brethren from Joppa and these 3 men enter? _____
- As Cornelius was waiting for these 3 men to return with Peter, who does he call together?

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Acts 10:25-26:

- As _____ was coming in, Cornelius _____ him and fell down at _____ feet and worshiped _____.
- But Peter lifted him up, _____, "Stand up; I myself _____ also a man.".
- **Questions:**
- What does Cornelius physically do when he mets Peter? _____
- What Is Peter's response as he lifts Cornelius back to his feet? _____

Note: Only God is to be worshipped and is the only One Who receives worship (see **Luke 4:8**). Peter's reaction within this verse illustrates that Peter recognized his humanness and did not view himself as someone above other Christians. Peter also recognized the danger of violating God's command. We will learn in **Acts 12:21-23** how Herod would've benefited from respecting God in this way.

Acts 10:27:

- And ____ he talked with him, he _____ in and _____ many who had come together.
- **Questions:**
- As Peter talked with Cornelius and went into his household, what did he find?

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Day 4 (Acts 10:24–33); (cont'd)

Acts 10:28-29:

- Then he _____ to them, "You know how _____ it is for a Jewish man to keep company with _____ go to one _____ another nation.
- _____ God has shown me _____ I should not call any man common _____ unclean.
- Therefore I _____ without objection as _____ as I was sent for. I _____, then, for _____ reason have you _____ for me?"
- **Questions:**
- What does Peter say is unlawful for a Jewish man to do? _____
- What does Peter say that God has shown him?

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- Because God has shown this to Peter, what did he come without? _____
- How quickly did he go? _____
- What does Peter then ask them? _____

Acts 10:30-31:

- So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,
- and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God.
- **Questions:**
- What had Cornelius been doing from 4 days ago until this hour (meaning when he is talking to Peter)?
    - **Fasting**
- What does Cornelius say happened when he was praying in his house at the ninth hour?
    - **Behold a man stood before him in bright clothing**
- What did this man in bright clothing that stood before Cornelius say? T**hat his prayer had been heard and his alms had been remembered in the sight of God.**

Acts 10:32:

- Send _____ to Joppa and call Simon _____, whose surname is Peter.
- He is _____ in the house of Simon, a tanner, _____ the sea.
- _____ he comes, he _____ speak to you.
- **Questions:**
- What instruction does Cornelius tell Peter that he was given?

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- Where was Simon Peter lodging? _____
- What was Cornelius told would happen once Peter came to him? _____

Acts 10:33:

- So I sent to you _____, and you have done well to _____. Now therefore, we _____ all present _____ God, to hear all the things _____ you by God."
- **Questions:**
- According to Cornelius, how quickly did he send for Peter? _____
- What does Cornelius tell Peter that he has done well?_____
- Why does Cornelius say that they (he, his household and close friends) are all present before God?

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Note: Cornelius is not talking down to Peter by saying that he had done well to come. This is connected to the last part of this verse with the word "command". Cornelius uses the military word, *prostasso* (commanded) to refer to a "military order". "He understood that when the Lord spoke it was a command demanding obedience. He was ready to receive his orders from the Lord" (MacArthur, J. (1994). *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Acts 1-12*. Moody Publishers. p. 299)

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Day 5 (Acts 10:34-43)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

Today's Scriptures:

34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. **35** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. **36** The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— **37** that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. **39** And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. **40** Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. **42** And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. **43** To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

Acts 10:34-35:

- _____ Peter opened _____ mouth and said: "In truth I _____ that God shows ____ partiality.
- But in _____ nation whoever fears Him _____ works righteousness is accepted _____ Him.
- **Questions:**
- What does Peter say that he perceives in truth? _____
- Write out **Deuteronomy 10:17** -

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- How is every nation accepted by Him (meaning God)? _____

Note: Peter is not saying that righteous works save someone. He is saying that when a person recognizes God for God, the life they live will reflect that in righteousness (a "right-ness" with God). (See **James 2:18; Galatians 3:6; Galatians 3:9**).

Acts 10:36-38:

- The _____ which God sent to the children of Israel, _____ peace through Jesus Christ—He __ Lord of _____— that word you know, which was _____ throughout all Judea, and _____ from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:
- how God anointed Jesus ___ Nazareth with the Holy Spirit _____ with power, who went _____ doing good and healing _____ who were oppressed by the devil, for God was _____ Him.
- **Questions:**
- Who does Peter say that God sent the word to? _____
  - According to **Romans 1:16**, who was the gospel of Christ for first? _____
- Who does this peace come through? _____
- Jesus Christ is Lord of how many? _____
- Where was the gospel proclaimed throughout? _____
- Where did the gospel begin? _____
- This proclamation of the gospel from Galilee happened after the baptism that who preached? **John**
  - **Note:** this is not John the apostle; but John the Baptist
- Write out **John 3:13** - _____
- Who did Peter say that God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power? _____
- Write out **John 3:16-17** -

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- Describe what Jesus of Nazareth went about doing? _____
- Who was with Him? _____

Note: the Presence of the Trinity is fully described here - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Day 5 (Acts 10:34-43); (cont'd)

Acts 10:39-40:

- And we _____ witnesses of all things which _____ did both _____ the land of the Jews and ____ Jerusalem, whom they killed by _____ on a tree.
- Him _____ raised up on the _____ day, and showed Him _____,
- **Questions:**
- What does Peter say that they witnesses of? **all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem,**
    - According to **Acts 1:8**, what does Jesus tell his apostles that they will be for Him in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth? _____
    - According to **John 17:20**, who else does Jesus pray for in addition to His apostles? _____
- How does Peter say they killed Jesus? _____
- What does Peter say that God did? _____
- Write out **Romans 1:4:**

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Acts 10:41:

- not ____ all the people, but to witnesses _____ before _____ God, *even* to _____ who ate and drank _____ Him after He _____ from the dead.
- **Questions:**
- Peter said that God showed Jesus openly after His resurrection not to all the people, but who?

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    - **Note:** this demonstrates God's Sovereignty where He chooses.
- According to **Psalm 139:16**, God saw our days fashioned and written down in His book before when?

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- What does Peter say that they did with Jesus after He arose from the dead? (See **John 21:1-14**).

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Acts 10:42:

- And He _____ us to preach to _____ people, and to testify that it ____ He who was ordained by God to _____ Judge of the living _____ the dead.
- **Questions:**
- What did Jesus command His apostles to do?

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    - **Note:** many people respond to confrontation of sin as judgement. It is true that we are not to judge another person. We are not their judge, however Jesus Christ is. We are to warn them of the coming judgement in their lives if they choose to ignore the truth. This is the most loving action we can do. If we were in a burning house where we had knowledge of the fire, but others in the house didn't; what would we do? Wait until they "discovered it" or warn them so they would get to safety?
- Write out **James 4:17** - _____
- Write out **Ezekiel 33:8-9** -

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Acts 10:43:

- To Him _____ the prophets _____ that, through _____ name, whoever _____ in Him will _____ remission of sins."
- **Questions:**
- What did "all the prophets" witnesses about Him (Jesus Christ)?

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Day 6 (Acts 10:44-48)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read all of **Acts 10** out loud and answer the following review questions below.

Today's Scriptures:

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. **45** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. **46** For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, **47** "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have?*" **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Acts 10:44:

- _____ Peter was still _____ these words, the Holy _____ fell upon all those who _____ the word.
- **Questions:**
- While Peter was still speaking these words, Who fell upon all those who heard the word? _____
- Write out **Romans 10:17** - _____

Acts 10:45:

- _____ those of the circumcision _____ believed were astonished, as _____ as came with Peter, _____ the gift of the Holy Spirit had been _____ out on the Gentiles _____.
- **Questions:**
- What was the reaction of "those of the circumcision who believed"? _____
    - **Note:** "the circumcision who believed" denotes Jews who believed that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was their long awaited Messiah.
- According to **Acts 10:23**, who accompanied Peter when he left Joppa to go to Caesarea?

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    - **Note:** this is the "as many as came with Peter"; these are witnesses of what is occurring.
- Why were these brethren that came with Peter astonished?

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Acts 10:46-48:

- For they _____ them speak _____ tongues and _____ God. Then _____ answered,
- "_____ anyone forbid water, that _____ should not be _____ who have received _____ Holy Spirit _____ as we have?"
- And he _____ them to be baptized _____ the name of the _____.
- Then _____ asked him to stay a _____ days.
- **Questions:**
- What did Peter say should happened to these Gentiles when he heard them speak with tongues and magnify God as it happened to them, as Jews, on Pentecost in **Acts 2**? _____
- In Whose name did Peter command that these Gentile believers be baptized in? _____
- After these Gentile believers were baptized, what did they ask Peter to do? _____
- Why do you think they wanted Peter to stay a few days? (these are Gentiles - they don't have any Jewish heritage. See **John 4:39-42; Acts 8:31**)?

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Day 7 (Bringing it altogether)

To finish for this week, let's unpack what we can learn from Scripture about this "gift".

- According to **Genesis 11:1**, how many languages existed initially?

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- **Note:** Humans, in their fallen state, conspired to build a tower to Heaven (see **Genesis 11:4**) - to basically be their own gods (they wanted to "make a name for themselves).
  - When that occurred, what did the Triune God do about their languages in **Genesis 11:7**?

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- According to **Genesis 9:1**, what did God tell Noah and his descendant to fill? _____

  Note: This confusion of language caused them to scatter. This was another area early humankind disobeyed and God intervened to go and "fill the earth". (See **Proverbs 19:21**)
- According to **John 10:16,** Jesus said He had other sheep which "are not of this fold". What does Jesus say, in John 10:16, that He must do so they shall hear His voice and be of one fold and one shepherd? _____
- **Note:** This is what we are seeing here. The final part of the church body's foundation as it begins to expand to the ends of the earth.
- According to **Acts 2:4**, what were the Jewish believers in Jesus Christ audibly able to speak when the Holy Spirit was given to them? _____
- According to **Acts 2:6,** what languages were the devout Jews in Jerusalem able to hear these Jewish believers speak? _____
- **Note:** the known languages that the Jewish believers in Jesus Christ spoke are listed in **Acts 2:9-11**)
- According to **Acts 2:11**, what do these devout Jews who are in Jerusalem hear about God? _____
- According to **Acts 5:12**, at the hands of who were many signs and wonders taking place among the people?

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- According to **Acts 8:14**, who was sent to Samaria when the apostles heard that Samaritans (who were half Jew/ half Gentile and hated by Jews; see **John 4:9**) had received the Word of God? _____
- **Note:** Peter and John are apostles and the apostles are the leaders of the birthing church*
- According to **Acts 8:17**, when Peter and John (apostles) laid their hands on the Samaritans and prayed for them, what did the Samaritans also receive? _____
- **Note:** in **Acts 8:18**, Simon "visually sees" evidence of the Holy Spirit and wants to buy what he physically saw happen. This would indicate that these new Samaritan believers in Jesus Christ also spoke in known languages (that was not their native tongue) declaring the mighty works of God.*
- According to **Acts 10:46,**
  - what happened when Peter, an apostle, was sharing the Word of God with these Gentiles?

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  - when the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on them, what were they speaking in and exalting God?

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- According to **Acts 10:47,**
  - how many people did Peter, as an apostle, say could refuse that these Gentiles should be baptized?

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  - what was Peter's reason why no one should deny these Gentiles' baptisms?

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This is the unifying of Christ's church. We are the sheep of the other fold **(John 10:16)** - Jews, half Jews and full Gentiles alike receiving the full gift through faith in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and His full payment on the cross for our sins.

***Background Note:**

"Why did the Samaritans (and later the Gentiles) have to wait for the apostles before receiving the Spirit? For centuries, the Samaritans and the Jews had been bitter rivals. If the Samaritans had received the Spirit independent of the Jerusalem church, that rift would have been perpetuated. There could well have been two separate churches, a Jewish church and a Samaritan church. But God had designed one church, in which 'there is neither Jew nor Greek [meaning Gentile], there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female,' but 'all [are] one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:28)

By delaying the Spirit's coming until Peter and John arrived, God preserved the unity of the church. The apostles needed to see for themselves and give first hand testimony to the Jerusalem church, that the Spirit came upon the Samaritans. The Samaritans also needed to learn that they are subject to apostolic authority. The Jewish believers and the Samaritans were thus linked together into one body."

(MacArthur, J. (1994). *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Acts 1-12*. Moody Publishers. p. 245)