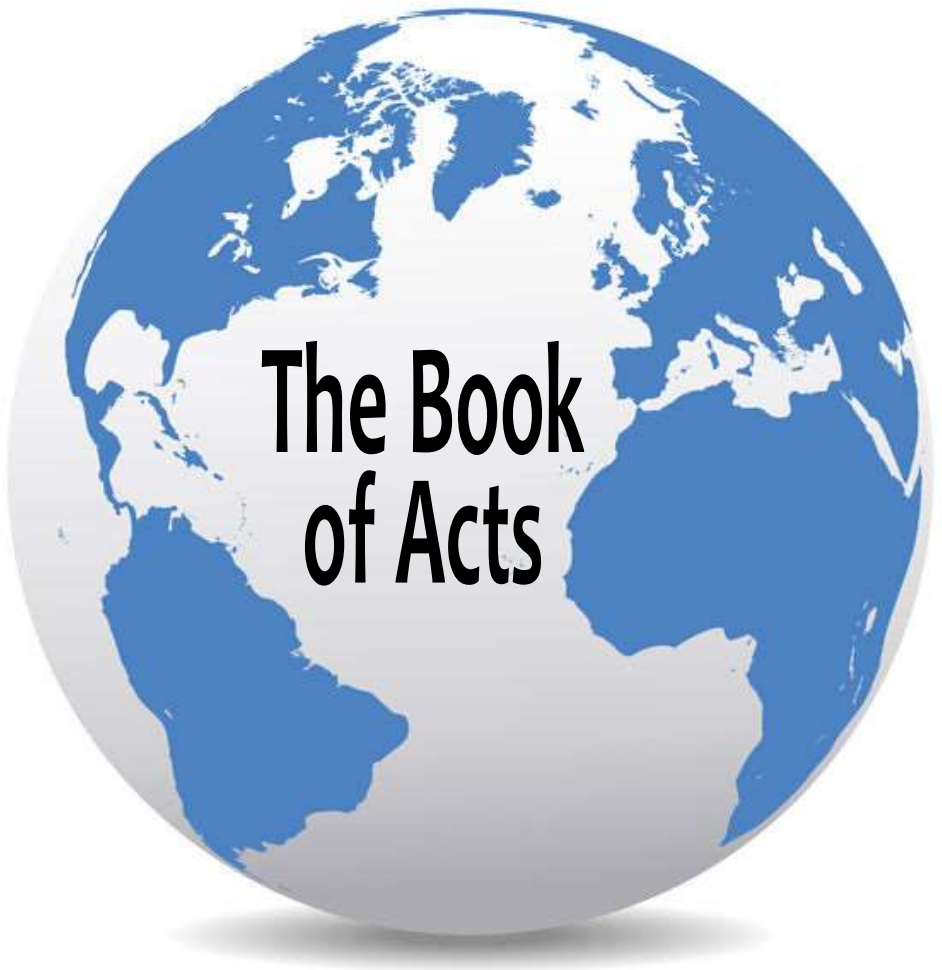


# Let's Worship God

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Acts



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## Monday - Acts 9:36-43 - Christ's Lordship Over Death

We read of this disciple Tabitha (Roe/Gazelle in Aramaic, or Dorcas in Greek) who apparently was an example, and perhaps some she had helped to clothe were among the mourners. The first thing we notice is that believers are not free from the miseries of this life (1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20).

After seeking the mind of the Lord, Peter was given infallible revelation from God that He would heal. This explains Peter's confident announcement (v.40). It was a sample of infallible prophetic utterance, showing him to be an apostle of the Lord.

Although only at the Last Day will the full benefits Christ has purchased for His people be bestowed on the physical body of believers when we are raised with a irreversibly glorified body suited to eternal life, this temporary reversal of one of the effects of the curse of God upon sin points to Christ as the resurrection and the life and the Saviour of sinners.

We also see the amazing plan of God. Peter was in the locality at just the right time (v. 38).

### Questions

1. What is God's providence?
2. Why is death called "the last enemy" (1 Corinthians 15:26)?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the resurrection to come.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:43

**Praise: Psalm 16:5-10 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## Tuesday - Acts 10:1-18 - Wild Olive Branches

The description of Cornelius is all the more remarkable given that he was a soldier and probably lived among very openly ungodly men. He was evidently a believer since "without faith it is impossible to please him (God)" (Hebrews 11:6). He had believed on the Lord through the Old Testament Scriptures and was a man of prayer, practical godliness, and household religion. The Lord sent an angel to say who Peter was, and he was to be listened to.

Meanwhile, the Lord brought Peter to Joppa (within reach of Caesarea) and gave him a vision showing him that believing Gentiles were to be received into the Church, not by becoming part of the Jewish nation nor even by circumcision; but the continuing church of God was no longer co-extensive with a nation but international within the nations. The wild olive branches were being grafted in (Romans 11:17; Ephesians 2:15-16). This was shown by the abolition of the ceremonial distinction between clean and unclean animals in the Old Testament which pointed to the moral purity that was to be found among God's people. That obligation remains (1 Peter 1:16).

### Questions

1. Who defines holiness?
2. The State submitting to Christ and the State merging with the Church are not the same. What is the difference?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Gentiles have been brought into the kingdom of God.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:43

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## **Wednesday - Acts 10:19-33 - Both Near**

Israel was near to the earthly Holy Place whereas the Gentiles were afar off. But that tabernacle was a figure of the true (Hebrews 9:24), and through Christ, God has preached peace to those who are near and those afar off (Ephesians 2:17). Both Testaments taught the same Gospel (Hebrews 4:2), but the blood that actually cleanses from sin was shed under the New (that's why it's called "the blood of the New Covenant" to which the blood of the Older administration pointed). It is this joining together of Jew and Gentile believers under one administration that the incident of these verses show us.

Peter has six witnesses (see Acts 11:12), excludes idolatry (vs. 25-26), and preaches to the kind of congregation every preacher must want (v. 33). The purpose is to show that there is one way of salvation for Jew and Gentile sinners and one Church for both. Whatever kind of sinner you are, there is only one Saviour, Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life.

### **Questions**

1. Do you have this one Saviour?
2. Are you trusting Him, not your background?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Give thanks for the salvation you have in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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## Thursday - Acts 10:34-48 - The Gentile Pentecost

Christ had said He would baptize with the Holy Ghost (1:5). Here it is (v. 45). The Holy Spirit was "poured out" on the day of Pentecost (2:17). Some of the Samaritans (who had practiced a religion that was a corrupt mixture of Old Testament and pagan ideas) had been converted to Christ, and the Holy Spirit had "fallen upon" them (8:16). And now that same gift of the Holy Ghost is poured out upon these Gentile believers. The Samaritan and now this Gentile sequel to Pentecost were demonstrations of the fact that the blessings of the Holy Spirit, including that distinct once-for-all baptism of the Holy Spirit signalling that the New Testament age of the exalted Christ was the age of the Holy Spirit in abundance, belonged equally to all sections of the Church - Jew, Samaritan, and Gentile. Peter, realising this, declares that these Gentile believers must be treated fully as part of the church of Christ by being baptized. For whatever reason, Cornelius had been only an 'adherent' of the synagogue and of the Old Testament church, but this must not continue - he must be fully a member of the church now in its continuing New Testament phase. The church is international!

God is "no respecter of persons" (v.34) and the church will ultimately be "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev.7:9). The God of Heaven sent the vision to Cornelius and the vision to Peter to so coincide as to bring to us the message that "in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (v.35).

Whatever kind of sinner you are, the Lord receives all sinners who come to Him in His appointed way - through faith in Jesus Christ. This is good news. "The LORD is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth" (Psalm 145:18).

### Questions

1. Do we speak to others of this good news?
2. Are we, like God our Father in Heaven, no respecter of persons in the Church (James 2:1-4)?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of your neighbours and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## Friday - Acts 11 - Rejoicing in Grace

Why was Barnabas glad when he saw God's grace to sinners in Antioch? "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith..." (v.24). The truly godly, who know that their own salvation is all of God's grace in Christ, rejoice when they see that grace shown to others. They love God and their neighbour and therefore rejoice in the glory of God's grace being displayed and in the happiness and eternal good of their neighbour.

Self-righteous Pharisees cannot rejoice in God's grace to others. The elder brother could not rejoice in the gracious reception of the prodigal son (Luke 15:28-29). He did not see himself as in need of grace - kindness to the undeserving or ill-deserving - and resented it being shown to anyone else as something obliterating the distinction of his own superiority. Barnabas was an outstanding example of what is true of all who are indwelt by the Spirit of God and who have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a mark of a true believer that they will always want to ascribe the whole of their salvation to God. "My soul shall make her boast in the LORD" (Psalm 34:2). "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). The renewed heart has a God-glorifying disposition within it. "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Psalm 115:1).

By natural disposition, it is quite the reverse. The desire to be "as gods" (Genesis 3:5) is so strong that, without being born again of the Holy Spirit, we cling to the idea of at least independently contributing something to our own salvation. This is part of the appeal of false religion to the heart of sinful man - a wrong view of God and a correspondingly wrong view of salvation; one which still leaves the pride of man intact. The saved sinner, however, says gladly that salvation is of the Lord, and he loves the way God saves through the crucified Redeemer and the glory of God displayed in it. "Let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified" (Psalm 70:4).

### Questions

1. Do you love the way God Saves sinners?
2. Are you, like the disciples at Antioch (v. 26)? Noted for devotion to Christ?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's salvation
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

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## **Saturday - Acts 12:1-10 - God's Sovereign Dealings with His People**

Herod did a foolish thing. He touched the apple of God's eye; one of the Lord's people. God did a wonderful work of grace in Saul of Tarsus, but He didn't in Herod. He preserved John his brother to old age but not James. He miraculously delivered Peter, but not James.

We see the plans of men are fallible, and only the council of the Lord stands sure (v. 2). The Christians show they know who is really in control by prayer (v. 5).

All seemed to be going well for Herod but pride comes before destruction. The "Angel of the Lord" one of the "ministering spirits of the heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14), was ready to judge Christ's and His Church's enemy. The Church goes on. Peter, although apparently to be martyred next day, took some waking (v.7 compare Psalm 127:2). How complete was God's control over the guards and all things.

### **Questions**

1. God brought great deliverance to Peter. Was He less in control when He didn't rescue James?
2. Why do we pray?

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

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**God tells us that  
Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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