Acts 10:24-11:26

“Cornelius the Centurion”

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Peter and Cornelius: Part 2 – Meet and

Preach (10:24-48)

* Peter and Cornelius Meet (v24-33)
  + “Cornelius was expecting them and

had called together his relatives and

close friends.” (v24)

* + “Stand up; I too am a man.” (v26)
  + “you yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation” (v28)
  + “I should not call any person common or unclean.” (v28)
  + “So I sent for you at once and you have been kind enough to come.” (v33)
* Peter Preaches the Gospel (v34-43)
  + “in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” (v36)
  + What parts of the gospel narrative does Peter mention? (v36-41)
  + “To him, all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (v43)
* The Holy Spirit Confirms Belief (v44-48)
  + “The Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word” (v44)
  + “were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.” (v45)
  + “they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.” (v46)
  + “Who have received the Holy Spirit, just as we have?” (v47)

Peter Confronted (11:1-18)

* “heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.” (v1)
* “The circumcision party”: anyone who was circumcised. (cf. Gal 2, Titus 1:10-11, Acts 15) Likely a group within the church arguing that the Mosaic Law must continue to be followed in order to be Christian.



* “The Holy Spirit fell on them…” (v15)
* “…just as on us at the beginning.” (v15)
* “John Baptized with water…” (v16)

(cf. Luke 3:16, Acts 1:5)

* “If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to use when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” (v17)
* “to the gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (v18)
  + Who says this?

Reforming… pun intended (11:19-26)

* And a great many people were added (v19-24)
  + “those scattered… speaking to only Jews.” (v19)
  + “But some… spoke to Hellenists in Antioch.” (v20)
  + “a great number believing, turned to the Lord.” (v21)
* They were called the Christians (v25-26)
  + Why does Barnabas bring Saul to Antioch and how long do they stay?
  + “And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians” (v26)