

“Peter Learns a Lesson”
Come, Holy Spirit: The Book of Acts Sermon Series
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Introduction: Acts 1 – Jesus ascends; Acts 2 – The Holy Spirit comes

Acts 4:4 – The church grows to _____.

Acts 6:1 – Trouble and _____ begin with cultural differences.

Hellenists were Jews who adopted _____ language or customs.

Acts 6:7 – The church grows in Jerusalem including _____.

Acts 7 – 9:30 – Stephen preaches and is martyred. The conversion of Saul.

Acts 9:31 – North of Jerusalem the church had unity, grew, and had _____.

Acts 9:43 – Peter goes west to Joppa and stayed with a _____.

A tanner was practically an _____; Jewish law regarded the work defiling.

Since Simon the tanner worked with _____ animals, he was permanently unclean.

Peter staying with Simon shows the beginnings of _____ outside the law.

One of the Great Turning Points in the History of the Church – Acts 10

“For the first time, a Gentile is to be admitted into its fellowship.” – William Barclay

Cornelius was a _____ centurion stationed at Caesarea.

The cohort was what we might call a battalion, made up of _____ men.

He was devout, feared God, _____ generously, prayed constantly, but was not Jewish.

Cornelius was known as a *God-fearer* who did not accept circumcision or the law, but attended synagogue and believed in one God and pure ethic of Jewish religion.

Peter Prays

_____ soldiers from Cornelius show up to see Peter.

Peter invited them _____ and gave them lodging!

The next day they travel _____ miles north to a Roman centurion’s house.

Peter Struggles with Racism

Peter is in the _____ neighborhood, with the wrong people, with the wrong food.

Peter says, “It is against the _____ for me to visit you; **but God has shown me...**”

Cornelius witnesses to his _____ of God.

Peter _____ and responds that God shows no partiality.

The Holy Spirit _____ what culture and law divide.

Other Believers Struggled with Racism

“The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out _____ on the Gentiles...” – Acts 10:45

Action Step: What do you need to _____ from your growing-up? Ask God to show you.

It’s not enough to say, “I’m not a _____ ...” We engage in bringing heaven to earth.