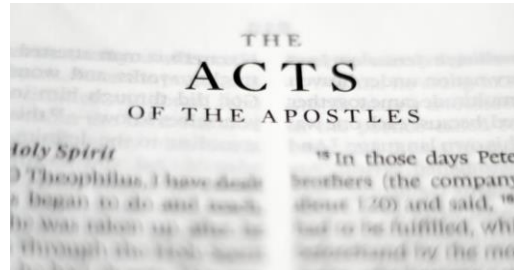


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**Handout #4 – The Early Church Continues to Grow: Chapters 10-12**

**Key verse:** *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

**Outline (from The Knowledge Bible Commentary – NT Volume):**

- I. The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1-6:7)
- II. The Witness in all Judea and Samaria (6:8-9:31)
- III. **The Witness to the End of the Earth (9:32-28:31)**

**Introduction – Preparation for Ministry to the Gentiles**

- Remember Luke’s purpose in writing Acts
- Questions and Discussion Period
- Chapter 9
  - The Conversion and Commissioning of Paul – vs. 1-30
  - The State of the Church – v. 31
  - The Re-introduction of Peter – vs. 32-43
    - The healing of Aeneas
    - The resuscitation of Tabitha/Dorcas
    - Peter stays in Joppa
- Remaining Chapters

**Chapter 10**

- I. Cornelius Sees A Vision – vs. 1-8
  - a. Where is Cornelius – v. 1
  - b. Who is Cornelius? – vs. 1-2
  - c. The vision – vs. 3-6
  - d. Cornelius responds to the vision – vs. 7-8

- II. Peter's Vision – vs. 9-16
  - a. Where is Peter? – v. 9
  - b. What is the background for the vision? – vs. 9-10
  - c. What is the nature of the vision? – vs. 11-16
  - d. What were two commands in the vision? – vs. 13, 15
  
- III. Preaching To the Gentiles – vs. 17-48
  - a. Peter summoned to Caesarea – vs. 17-23
  - b. Peter meets Cornelius – vs. 24-33
  - c. Peter preaches to Cornelius Household – vs. 34-43
  - d. The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles – vs. 44-48

## Chapter 11

- I. Peter Defends Preaching to Gentiles – vs. 1-18
  - a. Peter Confronted – vs. 1-3
  - b. Peter's Defense – vs. 4-15
  - c. Peter's Conclusion – vs. 16-17
  - d. The Church Accepts God's Act – v. 18
  
- II. The Church at Antioch – vs. 19-26
  - a. Preaching while fleeing – vs. 19
  - b. A Church Established At Antioch – vs. 20-21
  - c. Barnabas Sent to Antioch – vs. 22-24
  - d. Barnabas and Saul Teach The New Church – vs. 25-26
  
- III. Aid To Judea – vs. 27-30

## Chapter 12

- I. Herod's Persecutions – vs. 1-4
- II. Peter's Escape from Prison – vs. 5-19
- III. Herod's Death – vs. 20-24
- IV. Barnabas and Saul Return to Antioch – v. 25

## Questions/Comments

## Closing Prayer

Assignment: Read Chapter 12 for next week.