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Gentiles Are Saved

Acts 10:44-48

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God Interrupts Peter

Acts 10:44 (NASB)
While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

- In the Greek Peter’s words were “all those believing in Him” when this happened
- What was promised was “forgiveness of sins” (release)
- God took the initiative to further the program laid out in Luke/Acts (Luke 4:18; Acts 1:8)

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God’s Work Creates Amazement

Acts 10:45 (NASB)
All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were **amazed**, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

- “Amazed” is *existēmi* a common reaction in Luke/Acts to the mighty deeds of God
- The Gentiles were recipients of God’s promised gift (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)
- This is also predicted in Joel 2:28, 29

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“Exalting” Is “Magnifying”

Acts 10:46a (NASB)

For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

- “Exalting” is used in Luke 1:46 (Mary’s Magnificat)
- This means to declare God’s mighty deeds
- The Lord is “magnified” also in Acts 19:17 when God’s deeds through Paul could not be duplicated
- Speaking in tongues is what happened in Acts 2:4

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Do Not Hinder What God Does

Acts 10:46b, 47 (NASB)

Then Peter answered, “Surely no one can **refuse** the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?”

- “Refuse” is literally “hinder” and is used in Luke/Acts for resisting those God chose (see Luke 11:52; Luke 18:16; Acts 8:36; Acts 11:17)
- That they had received the Spirit proved that God had accepted the Gentile believers

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Table Fellowship Is Established

Acts 10:48 (NASB)

And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days

- It did not matter who did the baptizing
- The issue of Peter’s response to these new Gentile converts will be the focus of Acts 11
- In Acts 11:3 what they heard that cause concern was that Peter “ate with them”

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