

# THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## CHAPTER 11:1-18

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### TITLE:

## THE SPIRIT FILLED, GENTILE CHURCH

### THEME:

**Acts 1:8**

“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**.“

Here, Chapter 11 deals with the birth, the establishment, and ministry of the Gentile believers into the body Christ, the Church.

**A.) vv. 1-18    The Gentiles are Accepted**

B.) vv. 19-26    The Gentiles are Encouraged

C.) vv. 27-30    The Gentiles are Ministering

How God Reached Them;

*God Had Not Only Used a Jew, But He Used Peter,  
the Big Kahuna, Apostle to the Jews!*

The Thought of **Gentiles** Being Saved Was Wild

Yet, there are allusions *to The Church in the Old Testament in often cryptic fashion.*

### Isaiah 49:6

I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.

### Hosea 2

"I will call them My people, who were not My people... and to those whom it was said unto them, You are not my people; they shall be called the children of the living God.

The Understanding of

*The Old Covenant to New Testament, The Relationship to the Law vs. Grace*

*The Jews and the Gentile, Israel and the Church*

Had Not Yet Been Grasped

Paul the Apostle taught *that the Church was The Great Mystery hidden within the scriptures,.... That the God of the Jews would also be the eternal redeemer of all Nations.*

**Romans 16:25**

... according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began.... Gentiles would be saved !!!

**Ephesians 3:3-6**

how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery.....  
which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: :6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ (the Holy Spirit) through the gospel,

**Another Point,**

God the Father is said in Scripture to be married to Israel, His beloved. But tucked in between God's work among His chosen Jewish people, *there would arise a Gentile Bride for His Son... Called the church, or Bride of Christ.*

**The book of Ruth,** *where a wealthy Jewish land owner by the name of Boaz, (whose name means .....) steps in to redeem by purchasing from bondage a poor Gentile peasant girl by the name of Ruth (whose name means....)*

**Yet Another Point,**

**Like Abraham's servant** *(who's unnamed during the engagement, but whose name means comforter) who was sent to find a bride for Isaac which was to be Rebekah, a gentile woman who would be given gifts of promise to help her journey, Eleazar never left her side once He found her and then took her to her Grooms kingdom. Rebekah, whose name means 'to captivate, the root meaning of her name means "to seize a Lamb in particular, to corral the Lamb" "she seized the Lamb" is a type of the church, Isaac, a type of Jesus.*

**During this Age of Grace,** *or 'The Church Age' Jesus is baptizing with the Holy Spirit. The Church is being called out of the world and is being prepared to be His bride...*

**All of which sets the stage for two separate scenes in God's Prophetic Theater;**

**1.)** His dealings with the Jewish Nation

**2.)** His dealings with the Gentile Church

**To confuse the two is to miss the meaning and urgency that should characterize a New Testament, Gentile Believer!**

## 1.) Peter's Arraignment

vv. 1-4

Don't ask me how they heard, *but heard they did, not by fax, not by E-Mail not by Internet but by "The Grape Vine" Not FedEx but by **GossipEx... The Fastest Way to Send Damaging News***

The World Was divided into two Camps.  
The Jews and the Non-Jews

The Early Church Had Received A Mandate;

**Matthew 28:19**

Go ye therefore, and teach *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Mark 16:15**

And he said unto them, Go ye into *all the world*,  
and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Luke 24:47**

And that repentance of sins should be preached in his name  
among *all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Acts 1:8**

and ye shall be witnesses unto the *uttermost part of the earth*.

**The Dangers of Limiting God by our smallness**

Acts 10:20    doubting nothing

**Contended**

**GRK *diakrino* (dee-ak-ree'-no)**

*making no distinctions, not to separate, not to cut between,*

### Verse 3

They aren't upset *with Peter preaching the Gospel to them, or even baptizing them, but for eating with them. For eating was the all-encompassing act of friendship. It made two people one in the Hebrew culture. To sit at the same table and eat the same food was to become partakers together.*

### Verse 4

In That Time, Scrolls came in a maximum length of 35 feet "Why does the Author of the Bible, The Holy Spirit repeat it? Because of the Significance that Gentiles can be saved !

## 2.) Exhibit 'A', The Witness of the Vision vv. 5-11

Peter's defense *is simple and personal (he was personally convinced)*

### Verse 5

Peter Scores Major Points with the Judges

- A.) I was *praying*, B.) I was in a *trance*,  
C.) I saw a *vision* D.) It came from *Heaven*

How is it that earlier, *the Old Testament scriptures did declare the gentile nations to be unclean. Israel was commanded to separate themselves from the gentiles as in Ezra, the people had sinned by Co-mingling with the gentiles.*

But Now All is Pronounced Clean.

'Clean' Here Means **SAVEABLE**.  
by the cross of Jesus Christ!

*Luke 19:10*

"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**Tax Collectors, Prostitutes, Fishermen, Murderers, Businessmen & Bushmen...**  
Those are the people who gathered around Jesus

*Hebrews 9:26*

...but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

*John 1:29*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

There is no such thing as 'Limited Atonement'

*1 John 2:2*

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

### Verse 10-11

The significance of the three times and the three men.

**Deuteronomy 19:15**

...at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

**3.) Exhibit 'B' The Witness of the Spirit vv. 12-16**

God the Holy Spirit *was Responsible by reason of the Word of God Being Delivered.*

The Issue is Not The Clean or the Unclean.... The Issue is can a Gentile be a recipient of the Holy Spirit

**Verse 12**

**In Egyptian Law,**

*7 witness resulted in a "No Contest" and whatever the case, it was settled by the testimony of the 7*

**In Roman Law,**

*7 witnesses were required to establish a statement as a fact and a document that had 7 witnesses was sealed with 7 seals meaning "All Authority" to what had been declared.*

So 6 (Witnesses) + 1 (Peter) = 7 (The Facts)

**Verse 13-14**

*saved GRK 4982 sozo (sode'-zo)*

*"safe", preserve, delivered from judgment*

PRIOR TO THIS,  
CORNELIUS HAD NO ASSURANCE OF SALVATION;

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**1 John 5:13**

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life,

2 Corinthians 5:1

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **Assurance !!!**

Verse 15

Referencing • Acts 2 to the *Jewish* Believers 100% *Kosher*  
• Acts 10 to the *Samaritan* Believers 50% *Kosher*  
• Acts 15 to the *Gentile* Believers 0% *Kosher*

Titus 3:5

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

**You cannot be Born again without the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit !**

Verse 16

Note; What is not mentioned "*The Baptism of Fire*" which is the Judgment of the Lord Jesus at His Second Coming.

Matthew 3:11

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit *and Fire*

4.) Exhibit 'C', The Witness of the Word vv. 16-18

The Results of a Spirit-Filled, *Biblically Based Ministry...* It will invoke the lives of those called to it.

Jesus Had Said in Acts 1:5

"for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized *with* the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Verse 17

**(What a Theologically Correct Response Peter)**

Galatians 3:26-28

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. :27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. :28 There is neither Jew nor Greek.....

This is Critical to Your Spiritual Growth

## In Old Testament Theology,

*There Were Only Two Avenues that the Holy Spirit Operated from (2), The Conviction  
& 1-Samuel 10:6 upon*

## In New Testament Theology,

*There are Three Avenues that the Holy Spirit Operates from (3), they're prefaced by  
(3) Greek prepositions*

**John 14:16-17**

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- :17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.

1.) 3844 para (par-ah') *alongside, beside, has association with*

John 14:16-17

### **Prior to the crucifixion**

I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--  
"Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;  
but you know Him, for He dwells (par-ah') *alongside, beside, has association) with* you...

**IT IS IN A PAST, PRESENT TENSE**

*This is Known as the Convicting, Wooing or Urging of  
the Spirit to come to Jesus*

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always *strive* with man,  
**diyn (deen) to sail direct: to set a straight course.**

2.) 1722 en (en) *assigned, fixed to, made secure, installed*

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**“A Prophetic Statement by Jesus”**

**This is the Point of Conversion**

John 20:22

**After His Resurrection**

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "*Receive* the Holy Spirit. (**PRESENT TENSE**)

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. :13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body*-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4-5

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; :5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

3.) 1909 epi (ep-ee') *to be above, to be over or upon, or on*

Acts 1:8

**Prior to His Ascension**

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come (ep-ee') *to be above, to be over or upon, or on upon* you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." .....**FUTURE TENSE**

Every Christian Here

*has Been Baptized into the Body of Christ, Once and for all*

But not all Christians Here

*Are Spirit-Filled Believers*

The Church at Corinth was baptized into the Body of Christ yet  
was not Spirit-Filled, but carnal



## Verse 18

# The Evidence of a Spirit-Filled Life is that of being under His Influence

Ephesians 5:18-20

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be (be, being, again, and again) filled with the Holy Spirit, ( **UNDER THE INFLUENCE RESULTS IN** ) :19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, :20 giving thanks always for all things

If This INTOXICATION is not in your life.....  
Then you're not Spirit-Filled

## Turn to Acts 1:4-8

**It is the Holy Spirit that Baptizes you into the body of Christ at the moment you  
believe -- (1 Corinthians 12:13)**

**But it is the Lord Jesus Christ who Baptizes you with the Holy Spirit for power and  
ministry -- (Matthew 3:11)**