



### Synopsis

### *A snapshot of the chapter*

The theme of the book of Acts is the spreading of the gospel to the entire world. That is not simply a geographical theme but a message that the gospel is intended for all mankind. To this point in the text, those accepting the gospel have been Jewish. Here the gospel goes out directly to a Gentile for the first time. He and his household are saved by Jesus on the same basis as the Jews. That is established by their hearing the same message, accepting the gospel by the same faith and obedience, and receiving the Holy Spirit as had those on the day of Pentecost. In a sense, therefore, this is a turning point because while other Jews will become Christians, the focus will be upon taking the gospel to the Gentile world.

### Observation—What do you see?

*Important Person(s):*

*Main Event(s):*

### *Study Questions:*

1. *Why was Cornelius told to send for Peter rather than the angel telling him what to do?*
2. *What was the significance of Peter's vision (9-16)?*
3. *What was Cornelius' character (2, 22)? Was he already saved because he was a good man?*
4. *What were the main points in Peter's message to Cornelius (34-43)?*
5. *In what way was the presence of the Holy Spirit seen in this story (44-48)?*

### Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.