

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 James Justus Kilby
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17 Markus Ward/Sovine
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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: 18

SUNDAY AM: 38 SUNDAY PM: 20

WEDNESDAY: 11

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Sermon

*Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church
Part 16*

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 7:00 PM

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Preaching Through Acts – The Template of the Lord's Church – Part 16

Overview facts: written 63-80 A.D. by Luke, the Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

- It is 34 A.D. and a Gentile named Cornelius has spoken to an angel and been instructed to send for Peter. Peter meanwhile has been shown a vision that all animals are edible by Christians, demonstrating that the Law of Moses has been taken away. Jews have had sole access to the Church for three years; this is the cue for the Church to be transformed into one full of both Jews and Gentiles.

Chapter 10 Verses 9-16

Col. 2:14 & Mark 7:18-19 (Peter is shown that the "ceremonial food laws of the Jews" are no longer in effect. They indeed had not been since the death of Christ because that is when the Old Covenant ended, but former Jews did not understand that, so God is direct here. This means that ALL the separation of the Old Law is now over. Peter sees the sheet coming down THREE times, again symbolizing divine transformation, as God's current people, the Church, will no longer consist of only those bound by the Law of Moses.)

Verses 17-24

James 1:5 & Matt. 2:13-14 (God will grant us understanding of His Word if we truly seek to understand it and ask Him for understanding. This will only happen if we believe we will receive it. Also, when we are obedient to God's Word, God will make our path forward obvious so we can understand it, it is then on us to do what we know we should. We should not delay in doing so, but spring to it immediately.)

Verses 25-26

Rev. 22:8-9 & Mark 14:28-33 & John 9:35-38 (We see what happens when someone tries to give God's worship to anything not God, His workers immediately reject it. Jesus accepted worship because He is God.)

Verses 27-28

Matt. 18:15-17 & 2 John 1:10-11 (We see here what it meant for a Jew to hear that someone was to be treated like a Gentile or tax collector. It was a jailable offense to even talk with that person, invite them in, or go meet with them. Jesus expects us to have this level of separation with former brethren who have been separated from the Church, charging us with their evil if we even GREET them while they are still defiantly living in sin.)

Verses 29-35

Acts 17:10-11 (We need to keep our eyes open to what God is trying to teach us, and if it runs contrary to our opinions or beliefs, we need to investigate earnestly and honestly what the Bible says. If Scripture validates that our opinions or previously held beliefs were wrong, we need to change our opinions and beliefs and align with scripture in everything.)

Verses 36-42

1 John 2:12-14 (Peter just gave them the good news of how any human is welcomed by God to come to Him and have their sins forgiven through the blood and death of His Son Jesus. This is the gospel.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- ▶ **There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.**
- ▶ **Potluck fellowship following morning worship today - please join us!!**
- ▶ **Verde Valley Ladies retreat in Flagstaff October 24/25 – see Heather for details!**
- ▶ **The next "fifth Wednesday" is October 29th – any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by the Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.**
- ▶ **Praise report: The Smith's new baby, Jett, is doing much better and is back home**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

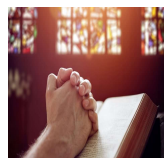
Verses 44-46

Acts 11:15-17, 2:1-4 (When these people received miraculous powers from the Holy Spirit, Peter confirms they were "baptized in the Holy Spirit" just like the twelve apostles had been some three years earlier. AND THEY WERE STILL IN THEIR SINS AND STILL UNSAVED. This was done to show these men that God fully accepted them into His Church, and if God was not afraid to touch or interact with Gentiles in this way, the formerly Jewish Christians had no excuse not to equally and fully allow them to be baptized so God can add them to the Church.)

Verses 47-48

(In addition to hearing and believing, people need to count the cost of following Jesus in their life, choose to repent or "change their minds and ways" to no longer sin and instead do what's commanded in the Bible, confess that they believe with all their heart that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, then be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins, then live faithfully until death to receive the crown of life. There are many denominations today that think "accepting Jesus into your heart and making Him Lord of your life by praying Him into your heart" is how a person is saved and "baptized by the Holy Spirit." This is incorrect and never what Scripture shows. Being baptized by the Holy Spirit was only promised to the apostles and only EVER happened to them and Cornelius's group. Both were for specific reasons, and it did not grant salvation or forgiveness to those it happened to.)

PRAY FOR



Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime
Gary Bates
Adrian Osborne
Kathie & Eddie Rose
Wally Dickinson