

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

November 22, 2020

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading:

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *The Rehearsal of the Reversal* (Acts 11:1-18)

Blest Be The Tie

Announcements:

A blessed Thanksgiving to all. “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High” (Psalm 92:1).

Mai Gudmalin and Matt Erickson are engaged, and plan to marry on February 8th. *Congratulations!* Your church family rejoices with you (Romans 12:15).

Flu shots: If the boss requires you to get one, and you don't want one, Pastor can write you a religious exemption letter.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone
Acts 10:34-48 *Cornelius Gets Some Respect!*

God didn't respect persons when it came to rich or poor (IIChron.9:5-7), but He *did* respect the person of Jews over Gentiles—until He saved Paul and *sent him* to the Gentiles in Acts 9. Of course, Peter didn't find out about this revolutionary change until Acts 10 (Acts 10:34).

But Peter's reference to *working righteousness* shows he may have understood that Gentiles were no longer unclean, but he *didn't* understand Paul's new message of grace. Working righteousness is something the Jews had to do under the law (Ps.15:1) by offering sacrifices of righteousness (Ps.4:4,5) and keeping the rest of the law, *but not us*. And that message of the twelve never changed (IJo.2:29).

Christ was the prince of peace (Isa.9:6) but only to the people of Israel (Acts 10:36-39) because He wanted them to get saved “first” (Acts 3:26) to use them to reach the Gentiles *later*. But the words “ye know” (Acts 10:37) show that Gentiles like Cornelius had heard of the Lord's ministry to the Jews, and how even John the Baptist only preached to Jews (Acts 13:23,24), despite how many Baptists believe the Body of Christ church of Jews *and* Gentiles began with John.

The Lord's anointing by the Spirit (Acts 10:38) is what gave Him the “power” to do miracles (Jo.14:10; Acts 2:22).

The 12 witnessed the Lord's resurrection (Acts 1:21; 2:32; 3:12) but *didn't* witness that His resurrection *paid for their sins* as Paul did (Rom.4:24). It is significant that this didn't change after Pentecost (Acts 5:30), for many *other* Baptists believe the church of today began at Pentecost.

It's tempting to think that if the Lord showed Himself to “all” the people (Acts 10:40,41) that they would have believed, but Luke 16:31 says otherwise. The Lord *will* show Himself to all Israel and the world (Rev.1:7), but not

to get them to believe. It'll be to get them to *wish* they'd believed.

The Lord ate with His witnesses to show He wasn't a ghost, that He had risen *bodily*, a truth that is often challenged!

The Lord told the 12 to preach that He rose from the dead to be Israel's *Judge*, not her *Savior* (Acts 10:42). But it's not like they didn't have *any* good news for the Jews. They told them that if they had "faith in His name" they could be saved (Acts 10:43), His name being "Christ" (John 20:31). But that's not enough to save you today! Our apostle says you have to have "faith *in His blood*" to be saved (Rom.3:25). And to receive "the remission of sins" Peter offered the Jews (Acts 10:43) they also had to be baptized (Acts 2:38). That was the only gospel he ever preached (1Pet.3:21).

But don't forget, in Acts 10, God is using Peter to introduce Paul's new message about the dispensation of the mystery, a dispensation that *interrupted* God's prophetic program for Israel. And what better way than to interrupt *Peter* before he got a chance to talk about how baptism was required for the remission of sins—which is what God did in Acts 10:44.

That's not how it was supposed to happen! People were supposed to get the Spirit *after* they were baptized (Acts 2:38). That's one of the reasons Peter was "astonished" (Acts 10: 45). He was also astonished Gentiles got the Spirit at all—*especially* because he hadn't been preaching to them! He'd just been telling them what he preached to the Jews. He did not expect God to save Gentiles before all Israel was saved.

How did Peter *know* they had the Spirit? They spoke with tongues (Acts 10:46), as the 12 did (Acts 2:4). By the way, the fact that they knew they magnified God when they spoke in tongues proved that tongues in the Bible wasn't gibberish.

In Acts 10:47,48, Peter thought, "This wasn't supposed to happen, but it did. So can anyone think of a reason why we

shouldn't baptize them anyway?" No one could, so they did!

But the Jews were given tongues to preach to Gentiles (Zech. 10:23). Why give tongues to Gentiles? It was a sign (1Cor.14:22) to Jews (1Cor.1:22) that God was judging them (1Cor.14:21). Isaiah said, "You didn't listen when I spoke to you in Hebrew, so I'll let the Gentiles conquer you and speak to you through them." When God gave the Jewish gift of tongues to Gentiles, it was a sign God was judging them.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

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Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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