

# **The Gospel to the Gentiles**

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**So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.**

## **Acts 10:34-48, cont.**

**And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”**

## **Act 10:34-48, cont.**

**While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.**

# God's heart for the nations

- **“For God so loved the world...”**
- **“The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish” (Matt. 13:47).**
- **“I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb” (Rev. 7:9).**

# **Look Who God Let into the Church!**

- **Whose idea was this?**
- **What was preached?**
- **What happened?**

# 1. Whose idea was this?

- It was God's: Vision in Joppa
- "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35).
- "I will make you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

# Salvation only through faith and only through Christ

- **Hebrews 9:22-28 : “Without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin ... [Christ] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”**
- **“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6).**



## 2. What was preached?

- The plain gospel
- **General Revelation: “Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20).**
- **Special Revelation: “How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?” (Rom. 10:14).**
- **“No one who denies the Son has the Father” (1 John 2:23).**

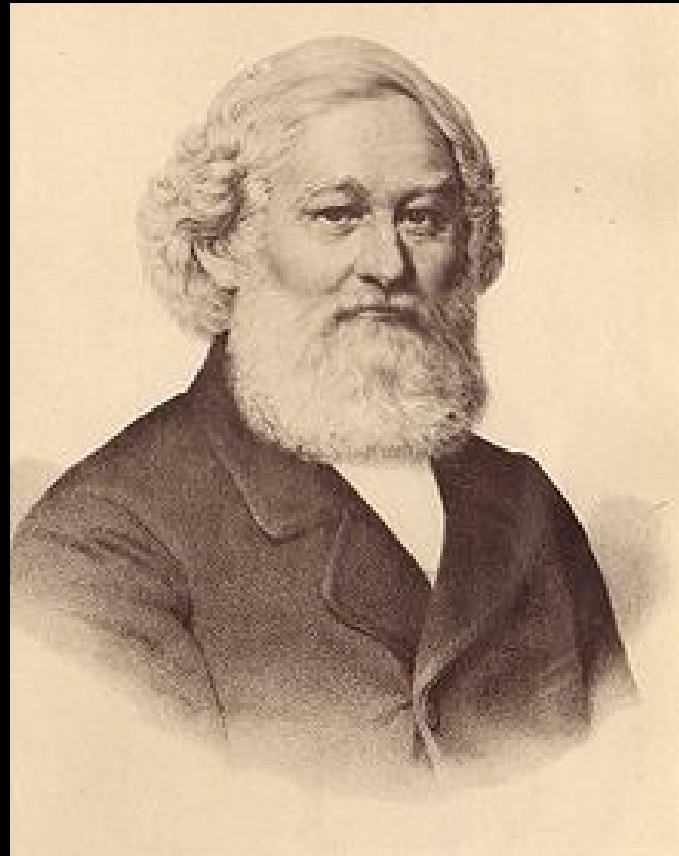
# 3. What happened?

- **“While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came upon all who heard the word” (Acts 10:44).**
- **“If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life” (Acts 11:17-18).**

# **The Church is future-oriented because we are Christ-oriented**

- **“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2).**
- **1 John 3:2: “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”**

# Johann Tobias Beck



# Quotation: Johann Tobias Beck

**“With the entrance of Christ into the human individual, the Divine life becomes imminent in us, not in its universal world-relation, but as a personal principle, so that man is not only a being made of God, but a being begotten of God. And with the growing transformation of the individual into the life-type of Christ there is perfected the development of the personal life out of God, in God, and to God -- the development not only of a moral or theocratic communion, but a communion of nature!”**