

Acts 11

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11 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

²And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, (Here come the racists, elitists and bigots)

³Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. (They're not good enough to be a part of us)

⁴But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, (Peter is giving them a full explanation so that they will get it)

(God told him that there are no common men and women. Salvation was now open to anyone who believes in Jesus and who wishes to be saved)

⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: (This was a vision, sent from God)

⁶Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. (All unclean animals not fit to eat)

⁷And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. (Again, this isn't about food. God is trying to teach the apostles that no people should be called "common". God's salvation is open to ALL people who accept him as Savior. These bigots just don't get it)

⁸But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. Per Leviticus-11 (They were taught not to eat unclean foods. Peter thought that God was talking about food)

⁹But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. (God was speaking about men, not food)

(When a person repents and accepts Jesus as his or her Savior; he or she becomes a child of God; no longer a heathen)

¹⁰ And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. (Three times for emphasis, God wanted Peter to learn the lesson)

(The unclean food went back up to heaven, because the lesson wasn't about eating unclean food. It was about accepting all people into the faith – those who want to repent and join us)

¹¹ And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. (The lesson was about saving men with God's grace and salvation. God sent these people to Peter in order to learn His Word – because they asked Him)

NOTE: (It takes action on our part. We have to seek the Lord, first; and then we will find Him) Matthew-6:33, Isaiah-55:6-7

¹² And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: (These orders were directly from God. Peter brought witnesses in order to show that this command came from God Himself)

¹³ And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; (Again, testifying that this came from God)

¹⁴ Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. (Peter will teach them about Jesus and Christianity; in order to offer them the salvation of God; if they choose it)

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. (The apostles received it on Pentecost Day) Acts-2:6-8

Joel-2 (The message that they spoke in the cloven tongue was all prophesied)

NOTES: (This was not the muttering and gibberish that goes on in so-called Christian churches today, where they need the preacher to "translate". That is all false teaching and traditions of men)

(This message <from God> was spoken in the cloven tongue of God; which everyone could understand in their own native language, all at

the same time. It was not an unknown tongue that needs translating by some lying preacher)

¹⁶ Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. (Jesus taught them this lesson. Peter finally remembered it)

¹⁷ Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? (Jesus made Christianity open to all people - who choose to accept it)

(Peter was wise enough not to argue against God. Only a fool would do that) see Proverbs-1:7

¹⁸ When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (They were finally starting to get with God's program – to teach all people who believe that Jesus is God with us; and who want to receive His salvation) See Ephesians-1:4

NOTE: (Preachers do the teaching; God does the saving)

¹⁹ Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. (Jews = Israelites – all 12 tribes; not just Judah – this is a bad translation)

(These guys still don't get it. God wants to save all people who accept Him, and repent of their sins and be saved)

²⁰ And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the LORD Jesus. (Grecians = Hellenist - Israelites who spoke Greek instead of Hebrew)

²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. (Both Jews and Gentiles)

²² Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. (Barnabas was of Cyprus. The kings of the Hellenists were living in that part of Syria <Antioch>)

(Barnabas spoke Greek. He could teach them God's Word without needing an interpreter)

²³ Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. (He gave them deeper teaching in their own language)

NOTES: (The salvation message is only the starting point. All of God's Word is relevant and needs to be taught – chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

(That's how people learn the deeper messages in the Bible; and what is really going on in this Age. Most people today have no clue that there was an Age before this one – and we were all there)

²⁴ For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. (He was blessed by God. He converted many people into the faith that Jesus taught us)

NOTE: (There are no denominations in true Christianity. Denominations are an invention of men)

²⁵ Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: (Saul <Paul later> also spoke Greek, as well as Latin & Hebrew. He was also qualified to teach at Antioch; and at many other cities throughout Asia Minor)

²⁶ And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. (This was the beginning of the use of the word Christian; as a believer in Jesus Christ, our Savior)

²⁷ And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

²⁸ And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. (Agabus = a locust) (dearth = a drought, a famine) (This happened in AD 41-54 per Josephus)

²⁹ Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: (Country people

<farmers> sent food and supplies to the city people in Jerusalem; who were working full time to teach the Word of God)

³⁰ Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. (Christian people have always been generous to those that are needy. Compassion and generosity are traits of true Christians)