

We will now begin the tenth lecture of Acts. /The text will begin from Acts 9:20. /In our last lecture, we studied Saul's conversion.

/From today's text, Saul witnesses the gospel of God.

/Read verses 9:20-22. /At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

/After Saul repented, he immediately preached that Jesus was the Son of God. /Saul directly saw Jesus. /Saul heard the voice of the resurrected Jesus.

/He began to deliver the gospel immediately. /Acts 26:16-18 /Jesus made Saul a witness. /In the past, Saul had heavily persecuted the church.

/Not long ago, he had tried to seize believers in Damascus with letters from the high priest. /Others were shocked that Saul began to preach the gospel.

/They were surprised because the person who had persecuted the church was now spreading the gospel for the church. /Saul regained his strength and continued to preach the gospel.

/After Saul repented, he went to Arabia and received training there for three years. /He went there and trained himself for three years. /He prayed. /This seemed to have occurred here in between verse 21 and verse 22.

/Between verse 21 and verse 22, it seems that Paul went to Arabia for three years. /Moses received training in the Midian Desert for forty years. /He was with God and had fellowship with him.

/He received God's power. /John the Baptist also disciplined himself in the wilderness. /Here, Saul was clothed with the power of God. /Then he witnessed to Jesus.

/Verses 23-25. /After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

/The Jews tried to kill Saul. /Saul learned of their schemes to kill him. /The Jews kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill Saul.

/At that time, Saul climbed the wall and fled. /2 Corinthians 11:32-33

/Saul attempted to flee and go somewhere else to evangelize. /In this way, the corrupt religious leaders tried to persecute true Christianity.

/Verses 26-27. /When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

/Saul went to Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples. /However, the apostles still could not trust Saul. /Because Saul had severely persecuted Christians in the past, the apostles could not trust him.

/At that time, Barnabas took Saul and introduced him to the disciples. /Barnabas acknowledged Saul. /Barnabas helped Saul. /Barnabas introduced Saul to Jesus' disciples.

/He appointed Saul. /He believed in him. /Thus, a person like Saul became great. /Barnabas also introduced that Saul had boldly preached the gospel.

/Barnabas recognized Saul's character and skill. /Barnabas used Saul as a promising worker for the church's growth. /He used Saul for the church's growth. / He appointed Saul.

/Verses 28-29. /So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him.

/Saul moved about freely Jerusalem with the disciples. /He testified to Jesus to whomever he met. /At that time, he began to debate with the Grecian Jews. /The Grecian Jews tried to kill Saul.

/Therefore, Saul found refuge in his hometown. /Saul prepared to preach the gospel in his hometown.

/Verse 31. /Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

/The church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria stood firm in faith. /The church grew.

/Verse 32. /As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.

/Peter traveled about the country and evangelized. /Here, "Lydda" is located 17 kilometers east of Joppa.

/Verses 33-34. /There he found a man named Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bedridden for

eight years. "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and take care of your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.

/There was a man named Aeneas in Lydda. /He was a paralytic who had been bedridden for eight years. /At that moment, Peter healed him by Jesus' name. /He healed this man with Jesus' power.

/Healing illnesses of the body was not Peter's goal. /Healing one's spiritual illness from sin came first.

/Verse 35. /All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

/Those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw this miracle and believed in Jesus. /Through the appearance of God's power and works, many people repented and came to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 36. /In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.

/There was a disciple named Tabitha in Joppa. /Her other name was Dorcas. /Dorcas was Tabitha's name in Hebrew. /Dorcas was a Greek name, and Tabitha was a Hebrew name.

/Dorcas worked hard to do good and help.

/Verses 37-38. /About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

/Dorcas died. /Lydda was near Joppa. /They asked Peter who was in Lydda to come to Joppa. /The distance between Lydda and Joppa is approximately 14 kilometers. /They urged

Peter to come to Joppa.

/Hence, Peter went to Joppa. /Then he brought Dorca to life. /Dorca truly helped the people and she was a person true in faith. /She had done much good.

/Verses 40-41. /Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive.

Peter got down on his knees and prayed earnestly. /He prayed humbly. /Then he cried out, "Tabitha, get up." /At that moment, Tabitha opened her eyes and sat up. /Many people saw this miracle.

/The Holy Spirit revived Tabitha with the power of God. /Peter showed the work of the power of God. /Hence, many people came to believe in Jesus.

/Verse 43. /Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

/Peter went to the tanner's house in Joppa and stayed there for some time. /Here, a tanner refers to someone who makes materials out of leather. /He was a person who took leather and made it into bags and shoes.

/Peter preached the gospel to the poor and the wealthy, without discrimination. /We must also preach the gospel to all people, setting aside class differences.

/We will now continue the lecture with Acts chapter 10. /The title of chapter 10 is "Cornelius."

/First, Cornelius's faith. /Verses 1-2. /Second, an angel appears and commands. /Verses 3-6. /Third, Cornelius sends people to Peter. /Verses 7-8. /Fourth, Peter is given a revelation. /Verses 9-16.

/Fifth, Peter meets Cornelius's men. /Verses 17-22. /Sixth, Cornelius welcomes Peter. /Verses 22-33. /Seventh, Peter's evangelism. /Verses 34-43. /Eighth, the Holy Spirit comes. /Verses 44-48.

/Here in Acts chapter 10, a Gentile named Cornelius repents and receives salvation. /Before Peter evangelized to Cornelius, he lacked confidence in evangelizing to Gentiles.

/By evangelizing to Cornelius, Peter realized, "It is God's will for us to now go and evangelize to the Gentiles." /God allowed Peter to realize the work of God's supernatural power.

/It speaks here of the great importance of evangelizing to Gentiles. /It emphasizes the obviousness of evangelizing to Gentiles.

/Read 10:1. /At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.

/Caesarea was a city located west of Palestine in the Mediterranean coast. /It was along the coast. /A Roman governor resided there. /Cornelius was in the Italian Regiment.

/He was a Roman. /He was a Roman soldier. /Because he was a centurion at that time, he was a soldier who ruled over one hundred people. /Therefore, this person was a Gentile.

/Verse 2. /He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

/Cornelius was devout and God-fearing, and he gave to people in need and prayed to God regularly. /He was a Gentile, but he revered God. /He gave generously. /He prayed continuously.

/To “fear” means to live upright before God. /Cornelius was not only pious himself, but his entire family lived godly lives. /They feared God.

/He also helped those in need. /James 1:27 /It says to look after orphans and widows in distress. /We must pretend to be godly, but must be godly in action. /2 Timothy 3:5

/We must be godly as Noah was. /We must also fear God. /Isaiah 66:2 /Deuteronomy 4:10 /1 Samuel 2:30 /It also says that Cornelius gave generously to many people. /Luke 6:34 /35

/Cornelius also prayed continuously. /Prayer is the road to receiving God’s grace. /The devil tries to take away prayer time however he can. /When prayer time is taken away, power is taken away as well.

/We must take lots of time to pray. /We must pray while repenting. /We must pray while looking upon God’s promise. We must pray while holding onto God’s word. /Cornelius had such faith.

/Verse 3. /One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

/Peter saw a vision at about three in the afternoon. /It was 3 p.m. /The Jews prayed three times a day. /Daniel 6:10 /Like the Jews, Cornelius set a separate time for prayer.

/It was 3 p.m. /He prayed at a set time. /We should also pray at least once a day. /We should

especially pray in the early morning. /Church leaders should pray at least two hours a day.

/Believers should pray at least thirty minutes a day. /Faith falls if we do not pray. /Prayer is respiration.

/One dies if respiration comes to a stop. /Therefore, if we do not pray, our faith becomes dead faith.

/Verse 4. /Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

/The angel spoke to Cornelius. /"Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up before God." /God listens to true prayers. /As soon as one decides to pray, God pours his grace upon him. /Daniel 10:12

/Prayer is an acceptable offering. /There are different kinds of answers to prayers. /First, there are times when God replies immediately. /Second, there are times when a prayer is answered a while later.

/Third, there are times when God changes a prayer. /Fourth, there are times when God refuses to give what one prays for. /2 Corinthians 12:9 /The apostle Paul prayed three times for his eyes to be healed.

/However, God did not listen to his prayer. /God rejects whatever is not needed. /When we need something, God provides for us abundantly.

/God did not spare his Son, but gave his Son for us. /Romans 8:32 /Therefore, God will give us whatever we need. /Therefore, we must pray with diligence. /Daniel 10:12



/Verses 5-6. /Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

/An angel told Cornelius to call Peter, who was in Joppa. /The angel informed him of which house Peter was staying in. /"He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." /"Bring Peter."

/Verses 7-8. /When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

/Cornelius sent his servants to Joppa. /He sent his servants to bring back Peter.

/Verse 9. /About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

/The following day, Peter saw another vision. /It was approximately noon. /People were preparing to eat. /At that moment, Peter saw a vision.

/Verse 11. /He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

/Something like a large sheet came down from heaven. /It was coming down, held by its four corners. /Inside it were four-footed beasts, beasts that crawl, and beasts of the air.

/Inside were creatures that could not be eaten in the Old Testament times. /In that moment, the angel told Peter to kill them and eat. /Peter replied, I cannot eat. /Leviticus 11:1-47

/They were foods that were forbidden in the Old Testament times. /The people could not eat

anything without a divided hoof. /They could not eat anything that did not chew the cud.  
/They could not eat sea creatures that didn't have scales.

/However, God told Peter here to kill the animals and eat them. /This was a lesson to evangelize to the Gentiles. /In the Old Testament times, the Gentiles were considered a disgrace.

/God taught Peter that it was now time for Gentiles to believe and receive salvation through Jesus in the New Testament times. /In the New Testament times, the Gentiles could also believe in Jesus and be saved.

/There was also a reason that God told Peter to kill and eat these animal. /This command abolished the Old Testament's rituals and ceremonies. /Colossians 2:14-15 /Thus, God taught that even Gentiles could be saved.

/This meant that God cleansed the Gentiles. /Therefore, whoever believes in Jesus can be saved.

/Verse 15. /The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

/The rituals and ceremonies of the Old Testament were all removed by the cross of Jesus.  
/They were abolished.

/Verse 16. /This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

/God repeated this to Peter three times. /This meant that there was now no difference between the Gentiles and the Jews. /Here, Peter thought, what does this vision mean?

/In verses 17-20, the men Cornelius sent stood outside the door of Simon's home. /They said that Cornelius had sent them here. /The Holy Spirit told Peter to follow the people Cornelius had sent.

/Verses 21-22. /Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?" The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to have you come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say."

/Cornelius's servants introduced Cornelius to Peter. / "Cornelius is a righteous and God-fearing man." /"He is respected." /"An angel told him to ask you to come."

/An angel told Cornelius, "Bring Peter." /Thus, these servants went to find Peter. /Therefore, Peter realized that it was God's command that he go to Cornelius' home.

/The following day, Peter followed Cornelius's servants. /He also went with several believers in Joppa. /11:12

/Verses 24-25. /The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.

/Peter entered Caesarea. /He arrived at Cornelius' house. /However, Cornelius had called together his close friends and relatives into his house. /They yearned for grace.

/This showed that Cornelius did not only want salvation for himself, but wanted his relatives and friends to also receive salvation. /We must yearn to receive grace. /We must long for God's word. /Acts 11:13-14

/We cannot keep salvation to ourselves. /We must evangelize to everyone we know. /We must rescue them. /This is life-saving work.

/“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” /Acts 16:31  
/At that time, Cornelius bowed when Peter came in. /Of course, it was wrong to deify Peter.

/It is wrong to worship people. /Yet here, this shows Cornelius’s humble faith. /He accepted  
God’s servant in his heart. /Galatians 4:14-15

/Verse 26. /But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

/At that time, Peter said that like him, he was only a man himself. /He said that he was a  
sinner. /He was human like him. /Peter was humble. /We must only lift up God.

/Verse 27. /Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

/Verse 28. /He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to  
associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man  
impure or unclean.

/The Jews and Gentiles did not communicate with each other. /The Jews considered it illegal  
to eat and have fellowship with Gentiles. /However, eating with Gentiles was not forbidden  
by the Law.

/The Law did not say that eating food and having fellowship was wrong. /It only forbade  
them from marrying Gentiles. /Deuteronomy 7:8 /If they were to marry a Gentile, their faith  
would become corrupt.

/Prohibiting them from having fellowship with Gentiles created a future tradition for the  
Jews. /It was their tradition to prevent fellowship with Gentiles. /People created the law.

/Here, Peter obeyed God’s command. /He did not follow human traditions. /For us, God’s

Word comes first.

/Verse 30. /Cornelius answered: "Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me

/Cornelius told Peter what the angel, who had appeared three days ago, said.

/Verse 31. /and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.

/Here, Cornelius yearned for grace. /Thus, God poured out his grace on him. /God gave Cornelius the opportunity to receive grace through Peter.

/Verse 33. /So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

/Cornelius said, "We are here to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us." /Cornelius accepted Peter a person of God. /He yearned for God's Word. /1 Thessalonians 2:13

/God satisfies the thirsty. /We must constantly yearn for the Word of God and be joyful to receive it. /After hearing God's Word, we must obey. /To obey is faith.

/Verse 34. /Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

/God does not show favoritism by outward appearances. /He does not turn away from someone because he is a Gentile. /Mark 16:15 /Jesus said to spread the gospel to all nations.

/Our Jesus does not racially discriminate. /He does not discriminate based on one's education. /He does not discriminate based on one's occupation. /He will grant salvation to whoever believes.

/Verse 35. /but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

/God accepts people who fear him and do what is right. /He guides them to the path of salvation. /Psalm 49:20 /We must keenly use our spiritual conscience. /We must find the will of God. /We must fear God and do what is right.

/Verse 36. /You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

/Peter introduced Jesus. /Jesus came to deliver the gospel of peace. /Romans 5:1 /He reconciled us with God. /This gospel is one that reconciles people with God.

/The gospel also reconciles Gentiles with Jews. /Ephesians 2:14-17 /It destroyed the barrier between the Gentiles and the Jews.

/Verse 37. /You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached--

/Before Jesus came, John the Baptist preached the gospel. /John introduced Jesus. /He preached the Word of God.

/Verse 38. /how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

/God poured out the Holy Spirit and his power onto Jesus. /This is proof that Jesus is Christ. / Jesus is the Anointed One.

/Jesus freed us from our sins. /Jesus fully obeyed God's commands. /John 12:49-59

/Verses 39-40. /"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

/The Jews crucified Jesus on the cross. /Yet, God brought Jesus to life in three days. /This is the core of the gospel. /The core of the gospel is Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection.

/Verse 41. /He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen-- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

/Jesus appeared to the already chosen disciples. /He appeared to the disciples after His resurrection. /He even ate with the disciples. /Luke 24:30, /24:40-43 /John 21:12-13.

/Therefore, this evidence was certain. /Peter directly saw the resurrected Jesus. /He saw directly and testified to Jesus. /Thomas felt Jesus' hands where they were nailed, and his sides where they were pierced.

/Then he introduced Jesus. /Therefore, this was for certain. /It was a true event.

/Verse 42. /He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

/Our Jesus will judge the living and the dead. /He will judge all of mankind. /Jesus possesses

such authority.

/Verse 43. /All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

/Those who believe in Jesus' name receive forgiveness of their sins. /Prophets of the Old Testament testified to Jesus. /Isaiah 33:24 /53:5 /Jeremiah 31:31-34 /People are forgiven of their sins through Jesus.

/Peter taught the people in Cornelius's house the truth of forgiveness of sins. /Without the shedding of blood, there would be no forgiveness of sins. /Hebrews 9:22 /There is no path to salvation for mankind except by the name of Jesus. /Acts 4:12

/Verses 44-46. /While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,

/The Holy Spirit descended while Peter preached God's word. /The Holy Spirit of the Pentecost came down upon these people at this time as well. /Acts 8:17 /Whoever believes in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit. /1 Corinthians 12:3

/In this way, the Holy Spirit dwells within believers of Jesus. /All receive the Holy Spirit when they believe. /Whoever believes receives baptism of the Holy Spirit. /Those who receive the Holy Spirit can also receive spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 47. /"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

/They were baptized after they received the Holy Spirit. /To be "baptized with water"



symbolizes the washing away of sins.

/Verse 48. /So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

/Peter baptized the Gentiles who believed in Jesus. /Through this, the gospel was formally spread to the Gentiles. /Peter now fully understood that evangelism to the Gentiles was a part of God's will.

/Here we will conclude the tenth lecture of Acts. /Thank you.