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Acts 11:9

Acts 11:15-17

Acts 15:7-9 *And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.*

Romans 15:16 *that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

1 Cor. 6:11 *you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

Ps. 51:2; Heb. 1:3; 1 John 1:7; Ps. 51:7

Is. 1:18 *Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

Principles:

The gospel is for all people, not just the people we are comfortable with.

Hospitality is an important part of fellowship and outreach.

Rejoice in the cleansing of Jesus Christ.

Live as saints filled with the Holy Spirit and changing into the image of Christ.

Gentile Salvation: What's the Big Deal? Acts 10-11

Was the big deal:

1. God's purpose that all people should know Him?

Acts 10:34, 45-47

Having the nations worship *Israel's* God was one thing: it was quite

another to have the nations become _____.

Acts 15:14-17 *Simeon [Peter] has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, " 'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name...' "*

The big deal was that Gentiles _____.

Was the big deal:

2. That all people might please God apart from Jewish laws and distinctions?

Acts 10:34-35

Was the big deal:

3. That all people might receive the Holy Spirit?

Acts 10:44-45

Was the big deal:

4. That God's word was given to all people?

Acts 11:1

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Was the big deal:

5. That all people could receive salvation by repentance and faith?

Acts 10:43

Acts 11:18

Acts 15:11 *But we [Peter and the Jewish Christians] believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they [Gentiles] will.*

The Jews rightly understood that to be saved also means to be accepted _____.

Acts 15:1, 5 *But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ... But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."*

The big deal was the question of how all people become part of the

_____ people of God.

Was the big deal:

6. How the gospel reaches all people?

Acts 11:3

Acts 11:19

One Key: _____

Heb. 7:26; Hab. 1:13; Psalm 11:4; Psalm 5:4; Lev. 11:44

Acts 10:1

Acts 10:9-14

Leviticus 11; Daniel 1:8

Acts 10:15-17a

Something had changed: God had accomplished a new _____.

Acts 10:25-26

Acts 10:27-28

Earlier in the story the vision was about common and unclean

_____, but Peter clarifies that it was about common and unclean _____.

Col. 2:11

Acts 10:23, 48

Did Peter suddenly lower his standards? No. What happened was _____.