

GENTILE SALVATION

ACTS 11:1-18

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: It is important to note how much of Scripture emphasizes that everyone is saved on the same basis—faith in Jesus Christ.

BROUGHT CRITICISM. God's only requirement to being saved is to be lost! Though tradition and religious participation seem good and right, you do not have to become a Jew, Protestant, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, or whatever to be accepted by God. (Acts 11:1-3, fn 11:1, Acts 10:34, fn 10:34, 35, Acts 15:1, 2, fn 15:2, Acts 15:6-11, fn 15:10, Galatians 3:26-29, fn 3:28[1st], Acts 4:12, fn 4:12) *Why is salvation attained only by faith in Jesus Christ?*

BROUGHT UNDERSTANDING. From the beginning, God's will was that all men have the opportunity to be saved. Now Peter explains the Gentiles' conversion with clarity. (Acts 11:4-16, fn 11:12ff, Genesis 12:1-3, fn 12:1-3, Malachi 1:11, fn 1:11, I Timothy 2:1-5, fn 2:4, II Peter 3:9, Acts 10:43, fn 10:43) *How does apathy in sharing your faith reveal misunderstanding of God's heart of salvation for all?*

BROUGHT PRAISE FOR GOD. The evidence of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our lives is only by the grace of God. Hearing testimonies of God's salvation in the lives of people brings silence (no objections) and praise. (Acts 11:17, 18, fn 11:18, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, Daniel 12:3, fn 12:3, John 3:16, fn 3:16[1st]) *Why is it good to praise God when people are saved?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

