

# The Acts of the Apostles 10

## ASVh with Comments

**Summary.** In this chapter, we see miracles from the Lord God Almighty happening: visions are given to Cornelius, an outsider, and Peter, the apostle, and the miracle of the Holy Spirit baptism with speaking in tongues is given to the Gentiles. **Acts 10:1-8.** Cornelius' vision. Cornelius, a faithful man, was chosen by the Lord God Almighty to receive the good news about the Lord Jesus Christ through Peter the apostle. So, an angel of God came to him in a vision and directed him to call Peter to his house. **Acts 10:9-16.** Peter's vision. The Lord God Almighty prepares Peter for the miracle work that is ahead of him; the Lord God Almighty gives him a vision of a vessel full of creatures coming down from heaven to show him that He is no respecter of persons and He loves all and wants His Son Jesus Christ to be proclaimed to all for the salvation of their souls. **Acts 10:17-23.** Peter meets the men sent by Cornelius. The Holy Spirit gives orders to Peter about the men sent by Cornelius, and the peace comes to his heart and his mind. Peter talks to the men, and he now understands the vision: the Lord God Almighty wants him to proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. **Acts 10:24-33.** Peter meets Cornelius. Cornelius, a faithful man, gathers all his own family and friends to hear the good news from the apostle. At the house of Cornelius, the Lord teaches Peter that He loves all humans He has created, and the purpose of joining with foreigners counts to the Lord, not the fact that they are foreigners. **Acts 10:34-43.** Peter proclaims the Lord Jesus Christ to those at the house of Cornelius. Peter, as a witness to the work of the Lord Jesus on earth, of His death on the cross, of His burial, of His resurrection from the dead on the third day, and of His sending of the Holy Spirit, testifies to the house of Cornelius that God the Father has ordained the Lord Jesus as Judge of the living and the dead. **Acts 10:44-46.** The Holy Spirit falls on those listening to Peter. The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit, which was a miraculous event for them. The Holy Spirit is a miracle from God Almighty, and all believers in the Lord Jesus will receive the blessings if their hearts are open. When the Holy Spirit falls upon someone, that person will also receive the gift of speaking in tongues; this miracle will strengthen their faith. **Acts 10:47-48.** Those being baptized in the Holy Spirit are being baptized in the water. To fulfill the salvation of their souls, these people were baptized in the water in the name of the Trinity of God.

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man in Caesarea, **named** Cornelius, was a centurion of the band **that is** called the Italian,

<sup>2</sup> devout and **fearing God** with all his **household**, **doing many** alms to the people, and praying to **God** always.

**Comments Acts 10:2.** "Devout and fearing God with all his household." The proper man who can guide his own family to glorify the Lord God Almighty, all readers should take this as an example.

"Doing many alms to the people ..." This part of the verse tells the character of a faithful man who searches for guidance from the Lord God Almighty, giving alms and praying; that is the way a man of a house should do; when a man behaves and leads the family this way, the blessing also will be there for the household.

<sup>3</sup> He saw in a vision **clearly**, as **if** about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of **God** coming **to** him, and saying to him, Cornelius!

**Comments Acts 10:3.** The Lord God Almighty had a purpose to use this person for work, and He showed Himself to him in order to give the command; the good deeds and good heart of this person have been seen from above.

<sup>4</sup> And he, **having looked intently** on him, and **having become afraid**, said, What is it, **Lord**? Then he said to him, **Your** prayers and **your** alms **have ascended as** a memorial before **God**.

**Comments Acts 10:4.** When human eyes have seen the heavenly host, the heart becomes frightened, but the person also feels the joy of the soul; with fear in heart, his mouth still asks about the purpose of this visit and also wants to know what he himself can serve; the heart of servant has been shown out in this place as his heart is humbled toward the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> And now send men to Joppa, and **summon** one Simon, who is **called** Peter;

**Comments Acts 10:5.** The Lord God Almighty gives a clear command of whom and from where the Lord wants to call for work.

<sup>6</sup> he lodges with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.

**Comments Acts 10:5.** As the verse tells all readers, with whom and where the disciple stayed has been known by above.

<sup>7</sup> And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two servants, and a devout soldier, of those waiting on him continually;

**Comments Acts 10:7.** When calling those who wait upon him to do the work, the opportune time came at this place; the mind of the person calculated the counterattack that could be at work at this time.

<sup>8</sup> and having related all things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

**Comments Acts 10:8.** The details of how to fight had begun in the human heart, and now the actions started when he sent those people to the place to do the work; the job of spiritual fighting began here now.

<sup>9</sup> Now on the following day, as these were on their journey, and drew near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour;

**Comments Acts 10:9.** In this verse, we should give attention to the two things happening at the same time: one group is traveling to the house, and at the same time at the house, the apostle goes up for prayer to glorify the Lord God Almighty, and the Lord God Almighty goes over the apostle for a special gift to come.

<sup>10</sup> and he became hungry, and desired to eat; however, as they made ready, a trance fell upon him;

**Comments Acts 10:10.** The one that had the duty to prepare the food was doing the work, and as the apostle waited, the Lord God Almighty shone His glory upon him. This miracle happened while the apostle was awake, not in sleep; the miracles from the Lord God Almighty do not have to be in dreams but in reality as well.

**Q:** What was this trance upon Peter? **A:** Most humans understand this as a daydream, but this is a vision from the Lord God Almighty: the picture of what is happening unfolds before the eyes as the person looks at the situation itself.

<sup>11</sup> and he beholds the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending, as a great sheet, being let down by four corners upon the earth,

**Comments Acts 10:11.** "And he beholds the heaven opened ..." The blessed eyes of the apostle saw the great miracle from the Lord God Almighty; the Lord God Almighty gave him a vision of a vessel being let down from heaven.

"Being let down by four corners upon the earth." The vessel was big and heavy, being held by four corners to come down on earth. This vision also tells all humans that all things the Lord God Almighty created for humans: use them, but with pleasure and care, not to destroy them, but all things use them to give praise to the Lord God Almighty; the blessing and help from the Lord God Almighty is in this vessel for all humans.

<sup>12</sup> in which were all the four-footed and creeping things of the earth, and birds of the heaven.

**Comments Acts 10:12.** Humans, when reading this verse, also have questions: why has the Lord God Almighty brought down creeping things in this vessel? Everything is useful, even though humans may not know it yet, but humans can benefit from all things, knowing and not knowing.

<sup>13</sup> And there came a voice to him: Rise, Peter; kill and eat!

**Comments Acts 10:13.** The vision from the Lord God Almighty also came with images and voice; here, the apostle received the straight command to do, and he must follow.

<sup>14</sup> But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common and unclean.

**Comments Acts 10:14.** The apostle has answered from the heart, not the mind; all his life, he has been taught what he can and what he cannot eat; now he has received an order to kill and eat. The apostle tells the Lord God Almighty from his own life what he can and cannot eat; however, when the Lord God Almighty tells you to do something, He also has a reason why you should do it, and the apostle will learn this command at this time.

**Q:** How was Peter supposed to act in this situation? **A:** He should listen and obey!

<sup>15</sup> And a voice came to him again for the second time, What **God** has cleansed, you do not call common.

**Comments Acts 10:15.** The Lord God Almighty declared to the apostle that whatever He has cleansed, the apostle must believe that it is completely clean and ready for being used and worked on; all things have been created for a purpose, and now it is a purpose, and the Lord God Almighty used this in order to strengthen the apostle faith in work at this time.

<sup>16</sup> And this happened for three times, and straightway the vessel was received up into heaven

**Comments Acts 10:16.** "And this happened for three times." The Lord God Almighty has shown the disciple the same vision three times, which also means it cannot be changed anymore. All that the Lord God Almighty showed remains until the end of the age itself; things around may change, but the rule that has been set will not change.

"And straightway the vessel ..." When the Lord God Almighty finished the message with the apostle the vessel has been received back up into heaven.

**Q:** What rule has been set through this vision for all humans? **A:** All things that have been shown to the disciple at this time for all of them to use and benefit, but all things have to be used to glorify the Lord God Almighty first, and then all of them can be used for regular life living.

<sup>17</sup> Then, while Peter was perplexed in himself what the vision that he had seen might be, behold, the men having been sent from Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate,

**Comments Acts 10:17.** "Then, while Peter was perplexed ..." The human mind tries to understand the vision from the Lord God Almighty. The Lord God Almighty will open up the apostle's heart to understand the calling. After certain things happen, he will inquire in his heart and understand what the Lord God Almighty wants him to do at this time.

"Behold, the men having been sent from Cornelius ..." The Lord God Almighty was guiding the outsiders to come to the place where His apostle stayed because the time for work for the Lord God Almighty's apostle was approaching.

<sup>18</sup> and having called out, they asked if Simon, called Peter, is lodged here.

**Comment Acts 10:18.** The Lord God Almighty gave details of the name and family name of the apostle for these outsiders to find him, and now the Lord God Almighty guided the outsiders to the place to meet with His apostle.

<sup>19</sup> And Peter thinking about the vision, the **Spirit** said, Behold, three men are seeking you.

**Comments Acts 10:19.** "And Peter thinking about the vision." The chosen apostle, in his mind, wonders what this means, what he is seeing. In his mind, the curious coming on him, what the Lord God Almighty was showing him, would mean.

"The Spirit said to him ..." The Lord God Almighty tells His apostle clearly that someone is searching for him, and also the apostle knows in his heart that these people looking for him are from the Lord God Almighty; the peace comes to his heart, and in his mind, he is willing to obey.

<sup>20</sup> But having risen, go down, and depart with them, nothing doubting, because I have sent them.

**Comments Acts 10:20.** The Lord God Almighty gives straight orders for the apostle to follow without delay; this order makes the disciple's heart have peace that all will be good; the safety of his life will be in the Lord's hand. The disciple's heart comes to the point of faith itself to trust in the Lord God Almighty's order, which is the only way to be safe.

<sup>21</sup> Then, Peter, having gone down to the men, he said, Behold, I am whom you seek; what is the cause for which you came?

**Comments Acts 10:21.** After receiving an order to meet these outsiders, the apostle does not doubt in his heart and whatever will come, he will follow. For him, the Lord God Almighty is whom he wants to follow, even if he does not know how it will end, but his heart of servant is obeying.

<sup>22</sup> And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and fearing **God**, also well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned of **God** by a holy angel to send for you into his house, and to hear words from you.

**Comments Acts 10:22.** “And they said, Cornelius a centurion ...” Their words confirmed to the apostle that the outsider has a heart full of fear of God and worships the Lord God Almighty; being an outsider, yet having faith, was all that the disciple wanted to know; this also brought peace to his heart.

“Was warned of God by a holy angel ...” At this saying, the apostle understood what his duty toward this outsider would be: the Lord God Almighty had given him an important job to spread the Word of God to the outsiders. This outsider was from a different nation but had the heart of worshiping the Lord God Almighty; for the apostle, this outsider became a brother in faith.

<sup>23</sup> So **having** called them in, he lodged them. And on the **next day, having risen up**, he went forth with them, and certain of the **brothers, those** from Joppa, accompanied him.

**Comments Acts 10:23.** “So having called them in, he lodged them.” The apostle, having called them in, the Lord God Almighty also has given His disciple assurance for his safety to stay between the outsiders; even His apostle’s eyes saw that he is among outsiders, but his heart stayed firm in faith; and also, the Lord God Almighty gave him peace in his heart that all will be well.

“And on the next day having risen up ...” He called in some of his friends, who were believers; they all stayed together waiting for departure, but the Lord God Almighty gave them peace, and they all will glorify the Lord together.

<sup>24</sup> Now on the **next day** they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was expecting them, having called together his **relatives** and **close** friends.

**Comments Acts 10:24.** “Now on the next day they entered into Caesarea.” The next place of travel is not far yet, and they are under the supervision of a soldier; the fear has come in their hearts, but the trust they have in the Lord God Almighty also stays firm with them; the treatment they have received from the outsiders was not harsh or violent and that made their hearts have peace in them as well.

“And Cornelius was expecting them ...” Give attention to what the verse tells: the outsider has not called more soldiers but civilian families of him to listen to the disciple and the people that came; the outsider did not take them as prisoners but as guests. The purpose was to listen to the good news from the apostle, and the outsider also wanted his own family and friends to hear the good news. The faith in the Lord God Almighty in the heart of the outsider was firm, and that is why he wanted to hear more and build up more faith in his household.

<sup>25</sup> **Then, as** it came to pass Peter **entering**, Cornelius, **having met him, having fallen** at the feet, worshipped.

**Comments Acts 10:25.** The eyes of the outsider had taken the apostle as God’s representative. The action of the outsider also shows what his heart truly is; the respect and fear in glorifying the Lord God Almighty are in his heart, for going down to the floor in his position has shown respect toward God; even his eyes see the apostle as a human, but the Lord God Almighty also has shown him to see the light in His apostle’s appearance.

<sup>26</sup> But Peter raised him up, saying, **Rise up**; I myself also am a man.

**Comments Acts 10:26.** Give attention to the answer the apostle has given to the outsider, even in the outsider’s position of glorifying him; the apostle did not lift himself up to be a God for the outsider and has told the outsider clearly that he is only a human.

<sup>27</sup> And **talking** with him, he **entered** in, and **he finds** many come together;

**Comments Acts 10:27.** The Lord God Almighty wanted to teach the apostle that trusting and obeying the Lord is the only solution for his life; regardless of what his eyes see, the Lord God Almighty has a purpose for work waiting to be done.

<sup>28</sup> **then** he said to them, **You** know how it is unlawful for a man, a Jew, to join himself or **approach a foreigner**; **however, to me, God has shown** to call **no** man common or unclean;

**Comments Acts 10:28.** “Then he said to them ...” As the verse tells to all readers, the Lord God Almighty has put the rule for His children not to join the foreigners; but people have taken it as not talking or doing things with the foreigners, but the Lord God Almighty wants to remind His children to know the purpose of joining is the thing to think about: if that joining together means staying far from worshiping the Lord God Almighty, then you should not join that activity.

"However, to me, God has shown ..." The real meaning is here in this verse itself: in the eyes of the Lord God Almighty, all are equal as living beings, but the action of their hearts regarding glorifying the Lord God Almighty is the point that counts for the Lord.

<sup>29</sup> therefore, also I came without contradiction, having been sent for. I ask therefore, for what reason did you send for me?

**Comments Acts 10:29.** "Therefore, also I came without contradiction ..." The apostle felt in his heart that the work had come for him; the feeling he received from the Lord God Almighty to do work was strong, and he had followed that call for work.

"I ask therefore for what reason did you send for me?" The apostle knew the reason, but the human mind still wanted to know whether the answers these people would give him would match what he had received from the Lord God Almighty or not.

<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was at the ninth hour praying in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel,

**Comments Acts 10:30.** "And Cornelius said, Four days ago ..." Let all readers pay attention to the answer regarding the outsider's activity in glorifying the Lord God Almighty: the outsider had a specific time and place for worship; this action demonstrates the outsider's faith toward the Lord God Almighty.

"And behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel." The outsider has been blessed by the Lord God Almighty. The human eye saw the angel appearing in human form; the only difference to make it known to all is the shining apparel of the angel. This appearance to the outsider has confirmed the chosen path for the outsider to follow.

<sup>31</sup> and said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard, and your alms had been remembered before God.

**Comments Acts 10:31.** Let all readers understand as well that your good deeds, your heart that you do to people, the Lord God Almighty sees them all, and all of those will be remembered in front of the Lord God Almighty.

<sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa, and call for Simon, who is called Peter; he lodges in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.

**Comments Acts 10:32.** "Send therefore to Joppa ..." The mercy from the Lord God Almighty is shown here by sending the outsider to His apostle, from which he will benefit for his own soul; the place and the name of the apostle have been declared to the outsider.

"He lodges in the house of Simon ..." Let all readers pay attention to the verse itself: when you do good to someone, the Lord God Almighty recognizes you as well; common man, common work, have been recognized by name in this place because Simon, a tanner, has hosted the Lord God Almighty's disciple in his place.

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, immediately, I sent for you, and you did well having come. Now, therefore, we are all present before God to hear all the things having been commanded you by the Lord.

**Comments Acts 10:33.** "Therefore, immediately, I sent for you." When the person received guidance from the Lord God Almighty, he acted immediately, without delay; all readers should pay attention to his actions.

"And you did well having come." With the Lord God Almighty's guidance, as soon as the invitation came, the apostle moved right away.

"Now, therefore, we are all present before God ..." When the Lord God Almighty stirred up the heart of His disciple to go and do work, the apostle of the Lord God Almighty obeyed the guidance and worked mightily in spreading the good news to the listeners; the mighty works of the Lord God Almighty have been proclaimed in this place to the outsiders.

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter, having opened his mouth, said, Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons,

**Comments Acts 10:34.** "Then Peter, having opened his mouth, said." At the right time to the right listeners, the Lord God Almighty opened up His apostle's mouth to speak; the Lord God Almighty has chosen this time and used the apostle to proclaim the good news.



“Of a truth, I perceive that God ...” As the verse tells to all, the Lord God Almighty knows the hearts of the listeners and has chosen the right worker to spread the good news; the heart that opens also makes the ear give attention to the Word of God. The words of the apostle, telling about the Lord God Almighty, will stay in all listeners’ hearts at this time.

<sup>35</sup> but in every nation, **the one fearing Him**, and **working** righteousness, is acceptable to **Him**.

**Comments Acts 10:35.** Let every believer pay attention to this verse itself: if you are a true believer, the beloved Son of God is your King and Lord; listen and obey Him with all your might.

<sup>36</sup> The word which **He** sent to the **sons** of Israel, preaching **the gospel** of peace by **Jesus Christ—He is Lord** of all.

**Comments Acts 10:36.** “The word which He sent to the sons of Israel.” The Lord God Almighty sent His message to His people to listen to the good news and act according to it.

“Preaching the gospel of peace by Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all.” The teaching from the Father about His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, has been told to His people, and they must listen to the Son’s teachings with all of their hearts; they have been chosen to be His people by this gospel, and they must teach their children to obey this gospel.

<sup>37</sup> **You** yourselves know **the word**, **having come through** all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached:

**Comments Acts 10:37.** The apostle of the Lord God Almighty declared to the outsiders the truth regarding the coming of the beloved Son of God, which the Lord God Almighty has mercy on all humans by sending the Savior to all people; now is the time to come and be saved.

<sup>38</sup> **Jesus** of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the **Holy Spirit** and with power, **Who** went about doing good and healing all **those being** oppressed by the devil because **God** was with **Him**.

**Comments Acts 10:38.** “Jesus of Nazareth.” The beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, has been called by humans for the birthplace that they believe He is from.

“How God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit ...” God the Father has anointed the beloved Son with all the glory and power because He is not only the beloved Son, but He is One with the Father. The beloved Son of God, He is God as well; the Father and the beloved Son, Jesus Christ, are One together, and now the beloved Son has come to do the work on earth for the Father.

“Who went about doing good ...” The beloved Son of God has gone out, has performed miracles, and has brought people to be saved because the Father is with Him. The Holy Spirit works with the Son on earth; the Son has proclaimed the way to be saved for humans; with the mighty work from the Father’s will, all work is accomplished.

<sup>39</sup> And we **witnessed** of all things which **He** did both in the **region** of the Jews, and Jerusalem; **Whom** also they **put to death**, **having hanged** on a tree.

**Comments Acts 10:39.** “And we witnessed of all things ...” The beloved Son of God performed many miracles, and many witnesses have seen all the good deeds that He has done for humans. Some have seen all the miracles with their eyes, but their hearts still remained darkened and could not accept what their eyes had seen. However, some also accepted themselves as witnesses to the miracles without expecting payment in this world.

“Whom also they put to death, having hanged on a tree.” The dark thoughts that by killing the beloved Son of God this way, they have won, but the dark and humans did not understand the beloved Son of God also He is God who cannot die. Crucified on the cross was a torturing death that humans did to Him, but they never think about what is more torturing, being crucified here in this life or going down to be punished for eternity, which one is more suffering.

<sup>40</sup> **Him God** raised up the third day, and gave **Him** to **become** manifest,

**Comments Acts 10:40.** “Him God raised up on the third day.” The greatest miracle happened at this time: the Father lifted the Son above all by raising Him up from the dead; He also declared to all humans that the beloved Son of God Himself had won because death could not hold Him.

"And gave Him to become manifest." The Father has put the beloved Son above all glory of heavenly hosts; the beloved Son of God will not judge only humans, but the heavenly hosts will be judged under Him.

<sup>41</sup> not to all the people, but to witnesses who had been chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with Him after He rose out from the dead.

**Comments Acts 10:41.** "Not to all the people, but to witnesses ..." The Lord God Almighty has chosen specific people to be witnesses to the resurrection of the Lord of Life.

"To us, who ate and drank ..." The human witnesses saw the human actions of eating and drinking by the resurrected Lord Jesus; the resurrected, beloved Son of God in the human body can eat and drink; this is the proof of the resurrection in the body, not the spirit.

<sup>42</sup> And He charged us to proclaim to the people, and to testify that He is the One ordained by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

**Comments Acts 10:42.** "And He charged us to proclaim to the people." The Lord God Almighty gave a specific duty to the disciples to go out and proclaim the good news.

"And to testify that He is the One ordained by God." The human witnesses go out to proclaim that the beloved Son of God has been set up above all, full with power and authority in judging the dead and the living.

"As Judge of the living and the dead." God the Father gives authority to the beloved Son because He, as a human, died; the death realm has the Judge above them who has gone through death and is alive; the beloved Son of God has power and authority to judge the dead because He Himself has experienced the death.

<sup>43</sup> To Him bear witness all the prophets, that through His Name everyone that believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.

**Comments Acts 10:43.** "To Him bear witness all the prophets." The Lord God Almighty declared the beloved Son of God as Lord of all and King above all kings; the judgment belongs to Him, His word is all true, and it will be done.

"That through His Name everyone ..." There is only One name that has the power to forgive the sins, and all who truly believe in His Name will receive the forgiveness of sins. The beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, has the authority to bring all who believe in Him to be with Him in Paradise.

<sup>44</sup> Still, Peter speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word.

**Comments Acts 10:44.** "Still, Peter speaking these words." The apostle proclaimed the name of the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, to all who have the ears open to listen.

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all those ..." All believers give attention: the name of the beloved Son of God has the power to draw the Holy Spirit to all who truly believe and listen to His word; when the ears hear the word, the open heart will receive the true blessing from the Lord God Almighty.

<sup>45</sup> And those from circumcision believers were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because even on the Gentiles the gift of the Holy Spirit has been poured out.

**Comments Acts 10:45.** "And those from circumcision believers were amazed ..." When the Lord God Almighty performed miracles through His apostle, it made the people amazed, but this feeling is the first feeling of the heart; they need to learn more; the apostle will have the duty to explain to them, and they must explain from the beginning until now, starting from the creation until performing miracles in front of them. [The Lord Jesus was with God the Father from the beginning; He came to be born in human flesh; He was crucified for the sins of the world; He rose from the dead on the third day; He ascended to the Father and is seated at the right hand of the Father; He sends the promise of the Father to His disciples, the Holy Spirit baptism.]

"Because even on the Gentiles the gift of the Holy Spirit ..." The Gentiles had received the Holy Spirit, and this is a miracle for them, and the apostle must explain to them what it is that came upon them. The Holy Spirit is a miracle from God Almighty; all gentiles will receive the blessings if their hearts are open.

<sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then answered Peter,

**Comments Acts 10:46.** When the Gentiles magnified and glorified the Lord God Almighty, that made the apostle be amazed as well; now, at this time, the Lord God Almighty called the Gentiles to receive the blessing; when the Holy Spirit falls on someone, that person will also receive the gift of speaking in tongues; this miracle will strengthen the Gentiles' faith.

<sup>47</sup> Can any **one** forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the **Holy Spirit** just as **also** we?

**Comments Acts 10:47.** "Can any one forbid the water ..." All things come from the Lord God Almighty: the earth is His, and the water also is His. When anyone has received the Lord God Almighty, the first thing to show to all the people that they have committed themselves to be believers is that they must be baptized in the water; the water belongs to the Lord God Almighty, and He uses it as He pleases.

"Who have received the Holy Spirit ..." Regardless of who these people are, if they have received the Holy Spirit, they must also be baptized in the water, just as the apostles and even the beloved Son of God were baptized in water, as an example.

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of **Jesus Christ**. Then they **asked** him to **remain some** days.

**Comments Acts 10:48.** "And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." Humans with disobedient hearts always use the Scripture as they see fit. Even if the verse says in the name of Jesus Christ, remember as well that the beloved Son of God Himself is in the Trinity of God; therefore, to be proper and complete, all must be baptized in the names of the Trinity of God: Father, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

"Then they asked him to remain some days." When the new believers experienced the miracle of the Holy Spirit baptism, in their hearts, the wish to know more about the Lord God Almighty overpowered them, and they asked the apostle to stay and explain more to them for the sake of their own faith.

**Life and faith applications.** 1) A Christian man should be the spiritual leader of his family. 2) The Lord can guide His servants through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as visions or verses from the Bible. 3) All things shown to the apostle Peter in his vision can be used for regular living, but all things have to be used to glorify the Lord God Almighty first. 4) Regardless of traditions, when the Lord guides us to do work for Him, we must follow. 5) The Lord Jesus came to save the whole world, so the Lord God Almighty is no respecter of persons; therefore, we must proclaim the Lord Jesus to all people regardless of their social condition, race, or language. 6) The Holy Spirit baptism can occur before water baptism; however, all believers must be baptized in water by immersion in the name of the Trinity of God. 7) The Holy Spirit baptism is a miracle from the Lord God Almighty and must have speaking in tongues.