**Session Five – Book of Acts Chapters 9, 10 and 11**

Chapter 9

* The Conversion of St. Paul
* Tabitha Raised from the Dead by Peter

Chapter 10

* Vison of Peter
* Vision of Cornelius
* Gentile Pentecost

**Chapter 9 - The Conversion of St. Paul**

**Why was Saul so Upset with the Christians?**

* They were the enemy of Judaism and declaring the Law of Moses was no longer in effect.
* Temple was no longer necessary.
* The High Priest was no longer necessary.
* Circumcision was no longer necessary.
* The 7 Great Feasts of Israel were no longer necessary. (Passover, Pentecost, Yom Kippur, etc.)
* The Sabbath was no longer necessary.
* Everything Paul had anchored his life to was now set adrift.

**Main Events of His Conversion:**

* Road to Damascus
* Letters of Authority
* Blinding Light and Voice
	+ Voice was spoken in Hebrew.
	+ Others heard but did not see the blinding light.
	+ Persecution against believers is persecution against Jesus Himself.
* Three Days without sight – no food or drink.
* Ananias
	+ He is a chosen vessel of mind.
	+ I will show him what he must suffer for my name’s sake.
	+ He will stand before the Kings.
	+ He will go to the Gentiles.
	+ He will before the Jews to a lesser degree.
* Paul is Transformed – proclaims Jesus.
* Paul’s escape.

**Three Year Gap between Damascus Road and Jerusalem.**

* Three Years in Arabia (Galatians 1:15-18)
* Direct revelation of the Gospel from Christ (not taught from Apostles).

**Peter’s Ministry: Chapters 9-12, Paul’s Ministry: Chapter 13-28**

**Chapter 9 Continued with Peter’s Ministry**

* Aeneas Healed
* Tabitha Raised from the Dead

**Chapter 10**

* Cornelius’ Vision
	+ A Centurion
	+ Prayer, fasting, and alms giving.
	+ Acceptable to God.
	+ Angelic messenger and message.
	+ Cornelius obeyed the message.
* Peters Vision
	+ Unclean animals – Leviticus 11
	+ Repeated three times.
	+ Cornelius’ messengers show up.
	+ Peter goes. (10 persons went: two servants, soldier, 6 Christians and Peter)
* Gentile Pentecost
	+ Peter’s message
		- God no respecter of persons – all welcome.
		- Jesus anointed healing all oppressed of the devil (vs 38).
		- He was crucified (hanged on a tree).
		- Raised on the third day.
		- Seen by chosen witnesses (me).
		- Commanded us to preach this message of salvation and good news.
	+ Peter’s Impact
		- The Holy Spirit falls upon the Gentiles just like Day of Pentecost.
		- Spoke in tongues (manifestation) and praised God.
		- Water Baptism
		- John 16:12 – I have many more things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now.
		- Peter stayed with them several days.

**Chapter 11**

* Peter Reports to Church in Jerusalem
	+ Initial resistance – Peter broke the law by going into a Gentiles home.
	+ Peter recaps all that happened:
		- His vision
		- Cornelius’ vision
		- His sermon
		- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit
		- Who am I to stand in God’s way?
	+ The Church in Jerusalem accepts the Gentiles – kind of
* Church Center Moves to Antioch
	+ Third largest city after Rome and Alexandria.
	+ Large number of conversions.
	+ Jerusalem Church sends Barnabas.
	+ Barnabas gets Paul in Tarsus.
	+ They minister together for one year.
	+ Followers of Jesus were first called “Christians” in Antioch.