

## CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY

Acts 10:44-48 NIV While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 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. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 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.

Acts 11:15-18 NIV "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"

18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."



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- Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18 Cornelius and Peter – Holy Spirit completes His work; church sees unity
- New directions are confirmed by God (vv. 10:44-48)
  - The Holy Spirit of God is sovereign.
  - Are we willing to fall in line behind God's new direction?
- New directions can be difficult but are sometimes necessary (vv. 11:15-18)
  - Even among believers there can be disagreement.
  - Are we willing to understand before being understood?
- Concerning the issue of race and ethnicity, is our Christian faith marked by these attributes?
  - Depth of relationship that produces transparency and bearing one another's burdens.
  - Outdoing one another in showing honor, rejoicing together, weeping together, etc.
  - Outward demonstration of the love of Christ.
- Galatians 6:2, 10 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.; Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

