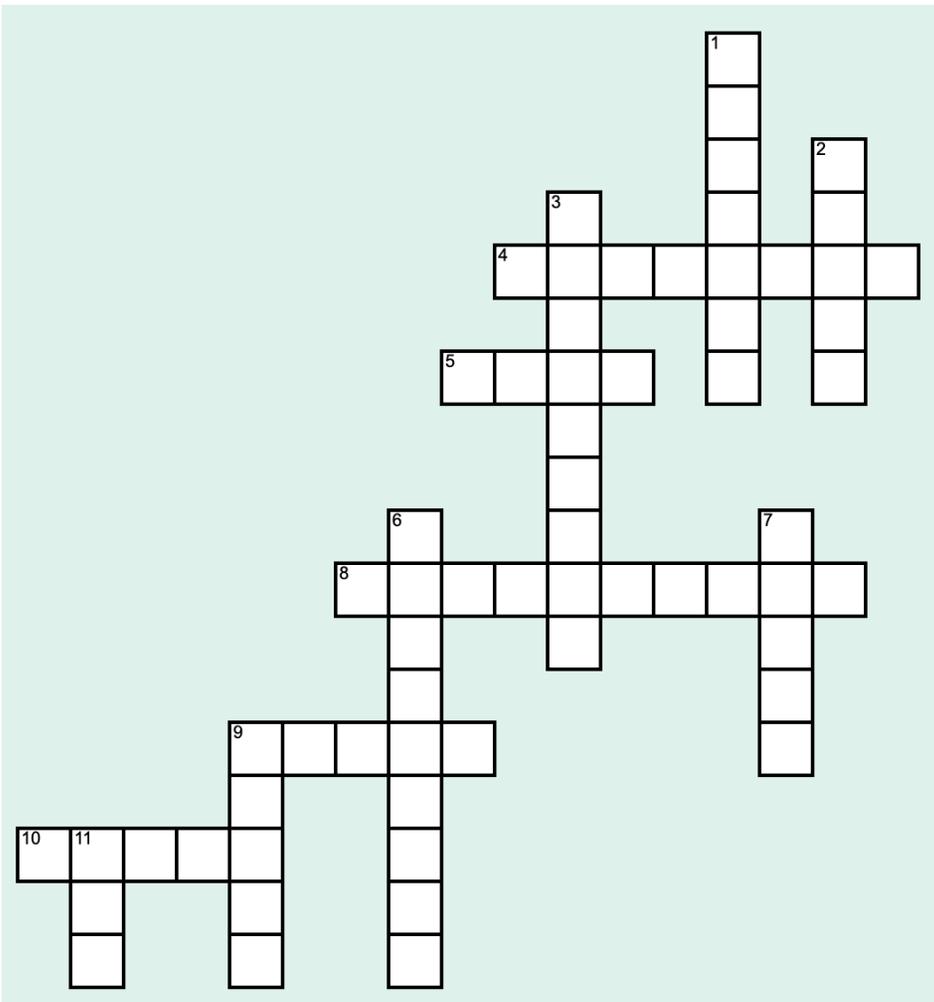


SALVATION COMES TO THE GENTILES

ACTS 10:23-48



Across

- 4 After they received the Holy Spirit, Peter ordered that they be _____ in the name of Jesus Christ. (48)
- 5 Where was Peter when he was praying? (9)
- 8 What came on all the people who heard Peter's message? (44)
- 9 What time in the afternoon did Cornelius have a vision? (3)
- 10 Another name for Simon.

Down

- 1 It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with a _____. (28)
- 2 Peter was told, "Do not call anything impure that God has made _____. (15)
- 3 God does not show _____, but accepts from every nation. (34)
- 6 A God-fearing centurion in the Italian Regiment. (1)
- 7 An angel told Cornelius to send for a man named _____.
- 9 How many times did Peter see the sheet come down? (16)
- 11 A voice told Peter to kill and _____. (13)

1. Did you grow up isolated from or associated with minorities? What was that like?

2. Later, what books, movies, or actual experiences shaped your adult understanding of prejudice?

3. Given Peter's experience in verses 9-23 and what you see of Cornelius here, how do you think each man was feeling as they greeted one another?

4. Jews regarded even people like Cornelius as pagans, unless they fully submitted to Jewish practices (see 11:3). Hence, what would verse 28 have meant to Peter? To Cornelius? Why is the story of Cornelius so important in Acts (vv.28,34-35,43)?

5. What is the main point in Peter's sermon? How does that compare with his sermons in 2:36-39 and 3:17-23? From these three sermons, what do you see as central to the Gospel message?

6. In light of the astonished reaction of the Jews (v.45), what did it mean that the Gentiles could speak in tongues? How does this reinforce Peter's private vision in 10:9-23?

7. Using this story, how would you respond to the question: "Can people who have never heard the gospel be saved"? If your answer is "yes," why then did God send Peter to preach (see also 11:14)? If it is "no," how do you explain verses 34-25?

8. Toward what groups of people do you feel prejudiced? How has that developed? What evidence is there that the lesson of Peter's vision has broken through to you with respect to these people?

9. Consider the make-up of your community and of your Church (ethnically, socially, politically, age-wise, etc.). Are there some people who would just assume that your Church is not for them? Are there some forms or practices you could change to remove those barriers? How would you feel about making those changes?

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