



# “That You May Grow Thereby...”

*A weekly Bible reading plan*



## Acts 10-18 The Gospel Spreads

### Overview

In the first section of Acts, we saw the church begin in Jerusalem and start to grow. As the church grew and persecution intensified, Christians began spreading out from Jerusalem, but they took the gospel message with them. Evangelists like Philip also shared the gospel in regions beyond Jerusalem, and the church was spreading just as Jesus commanded it should. This week we read of continued expansion of the church. Peter is sent to the first Gentile converts, opening the gospel to all people. Saul of Tarsus, the once-persecutor of the church, will become the main character for much of the rest of Acts, spreading the gospel throughout the world. The book of Acts is a fascinating and interesting historical narrative, but it is also very helpful for Christians today. In Acts, we see how the Gospel is preached, how devoted Christians should be to faithfulness no matter the cost, and we see several examples of conversion. All these things help us as we seek to live faithfully, and as we strive to share the gospel and convert lost souls today.

### Suggested Reading Schedule

Monday: Acts 10-11  
 Tuesday: Acts 12-13  
 Wednesday: Acts 14-15  
 Thursday: Acts 16  
 Friday: Acts 17-18

### Questions:

- Where did Cornelius live, and what was his profession? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did Barnabas react when he visited the church in Antioch? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who was the first apostle to be killed? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who’s house were Christians gathered at and praying the night Peter escaped from prison? \_\_\_\_\_
- What did the Christians at Antioch do before sending off Barnabas and Saul? \_\_\_\_\_
- In what city was Paul stoned? \_\_\_\_\_
- What were some men from Judea teaching that Paul and Barnabas disagreed with? \_\_\_\_\_
- A man of \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to Paul in a vision, requesting Paul to come and help them.
- What made the Jews of Berea more noble than those in Thessalonica? \_\_\_\_\_

### Conversions in Acts

The book of Acts provides us with several examples of gospel preaching and conversion. By studying these examples, we can get a clear picture of how the Lord expects us to preach the gospel and how He expects individuals to respond to that gospel. It is good to study the individual sermons and conversion examples, but we should also study them together. As we see the big picture, we see the complete picture. Acts confirms that the apostles preached exactly what Jesus commanded in the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20), and we see that people responded by obeying those directives—to believe and be baptized. None of the steps of salvation should be overlooked or put higher than others, but isn’t it amazing that the one thing included in every example of Acts is the one step many people reject and teach against today?

Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Were Baptized
3,000 (2:1-47)		2:38		2:38, 41
Samaritans (8:5-12)	8:12			8:12
Simon (8:13)	8:13		8:13	8:13
Ethiopian Eunuch (8:26-40)	8:37		8:37	8:38
Saul (9:1-18; 22:1-16)				22:16
Cornelius (10:1-48; 11:1-17)	15:7			10:48
Lydia (16:14-15)				16:15
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