

Lesson 11

GOD'S CALLED-OUT ASSEMBLY THE CHURCH

Nationality Makes No Difference in Christ's Church: The Gospel Goes to the Samaritans and to the Gentiles

[To see an organizational outline of these lessons, [click here](#)]

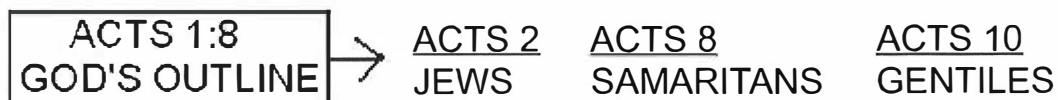
The Gospel of Christ Goes to the *SAMARITANS*.

Do you remember who the SAMARITANS were? See [Lesson 9](#). When the Lord Jesus first sent out His 12 disciples before His death and resurrection, did He instruct them to bring God's message to the SAMARITANS (read Matthew 10:5-7)? _____ Is there a DIFFERENCE in the Lord's instructions after His death and resurrection (read Acts 1:8)? _____

Acts 8:1 tells us that in the days of the early church there was a great _____ and because of this the believers were forced to leave what city? _____ Unto what places were they scattered? _____ Does this remind you of the map studied in [Lesson 10](#)? **True or False:** The scattered believers kept silent because they feared more persecution (Acts 8:4). _____

Acts 8:5 tells us that Philip went down to the city of _____, and preached _____ unto them. In Acts 21:8 Philip is called the _____ (this word means "one who preaches the gospel, one who announces the **good news** about Christ"). Philip was God's special evangelist to the Samaritans. Did the Samaritans receive Philip's message (Acts 8:6 and Acts 8:14)? _____ Were they baptized in water (Acts 8:12)? _____ Did they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-20)? _____ Did the good news continue to be preached to the Samaritans (Acts 8:25)? _____

So the gospel went **to the JEWS FIRST** (Acts 2) and it also went to the **SAMARITANS** (Acts 8), who were **HALF JEW** and **HALF GENTILE**. Later God's good news would go also to the **GENTILES** (Acts 10).



The Gospel of Christ Goes to the *GENTILES*.

When the Lord Jesus first sent out His 12 disciples before His death and resurrection, did He instruct them to bring God's message to the Gentiles (Read Matthew 10:5-7)? _____ Is there a difference in the Lord's instructions after His death and resurrection (read Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15 and Luke 24:47)? _____

God's special evangelist to the Gentiles was the Apostle Peter (Acts 10:34,44). [Later, Paul became God's special evangelist to the Gentiles.] What was the name of the Gentile that Peter preached to (Acts 10:22, 25)? _____ Were there other Gentiles with him (Acts 10:24)? _____ Did these Gentiles receive Peter's message (Acts 11:1)? _____ Did they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-47; 11:15-17)? _____ Were they baptized in water (Acts 10:47-48)? _____ Because of what happened to Cornelius and his household, the Jews began to understand that "God hath also to the _____ granted repentance unto _____" (Acts 11:18) and that God had "_____ the _____ of _____ unto the _____" (Acts 14:27). Peter himself said in Acts 15:7: "God made choice among us, that the _____ by my mouth should _____ the word of the gospel, and _____." Did God put any difference between the Jews and the Gentiles (Acts 15:9)? _____ ("**For there is no difference**"-- Romans 10:12).

From this point on (after Acts 10) **both** Jews and Gentiles heard the Word of God and some believed (see Acts 14:1; 18:4; 19:10; 20:21). Is God the God of the Jews only (Romans 3:29)? _____ He is also the God of the _____, because it is the "_____ Lord" who is over **both** (see Romans 10:12) and therefore "whoever (whether **Jew** or **Gentile**) shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be _____" (Romans 10:13).

The questions that YOU must answer are these:

1. Have **YOU** heard and gladly received God's good news? (see Romans 10:17)
2. Have **YOU** received the Holy Spirit? (see Romans 8:9)
3. Have **YOU** been baptized in water? (see Acts 2:41)
4. Are **YOU** a member of God's church as Cornelius was?

Please MATCH the following:

THE FORWARD PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS

1. _____ Acts 2	A. TO THE GENTILES (Acts 1:8--uttermost part of earth)
2. _____ Acts 8	B. TO THE JEW FIRST (Acts 1:8--Jerusalem, Judaea)
3. _____ Acts 10	C. TO THE SAMARITANS (Acts 1:8--Samaria)