

GENTILES BROUGHT NEAR
Acts 10:1-48 // September 26, 2021 AM

- I. The dividing wall is destroyed at Christ's initiative (vv. 1-23).

- II. The dividing wall is destroyed through Christ's word (vv. 24-43).

- III. The dividing wall is destroyed by Christ's Spirit (vv. 44-48).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Who is Cornelius? What does it mean for him to be a God-fearer, and why is that significant at this point in Acts?
2. Both Cornelius and Peter received a vision from Christ. What was Christ's purpose in doing this? Can people receive supernatural visions today? If so, how do we know if they are legitimate?
3. Was Peter's vision primarily about food or people? How did the Old Testament food laws divide Israel from the Gentile nations?
4. How was Peter's preaching to these Gentiles different than his preaching to Jews in Acts 2, 3, and 4? How was it the same?
5. What is the significance of the outpouring of God's Spirit upon Cornelius' house?
6. Pastor Nick said this text is primarily about religion/covenant, not race/skin color. What did he mean by this? Do you agree or disagree?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Meditate on Ephesians 2:12. Do I have the tendency to forget how privileged I am to live in the last days when God has given His covenant promises and hope to Gentiles like me?
2. Am I quick to dismiss modern accounts of supernatural dreams and visions? Why, or why not?
3. Peter says that "God shows no partiality" (v. 34). Do I tend to be partial toward certain people in the church? How do the gospel and the Spirit decimate such partiality?