

Recap of 9/19/21 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 10:39-48):

- 1. A key truth in Acts 10:39-48 is that salvation is found in a person—not a philosophy, not religion.*
- 2. Peter reviews the life and ministry of Jesus with emphasis upon: His ministry as the “anointed One” from God who destroyed the effects of sin; His crucifixion; and upon His resurrection which was attested by witnesses.*
- 3. The reality of Jesus’ bodily resurrection is seen in that He ate with them. A phantom or spirit could not eat real food, thus Jesus was raised from the dead bodily, not just in some spiritual way.*
- 4. Jesus ministry results in judgment (vs. 42) or salvation (vs. 43) depending on a person’s response to Him.*
- 5. God confirmed that Gentiles could be saved and brought into the church on a equal basis with Jews (without going through Judaism, without being circumcised) by interrupting Peter and giving them the baptism of the Holy Spirit without the imposition of Jewish hands. Author F.F. Bruce, put it this way:
“Peter’s Jewish Christian companions who had come with him from Joppa were astounded by what they saw and heard: Gentiles...had actually received the same Holy Spirit as Jewish believers in Jesus had already received. How right Peter had been in his new insight into the impartiality of God as between men of one race and another!”*
- 6. “Everyone who believes in Him receives the forgiveness of sins (vs. 43). The key element in salvation is faith, that is, belief in Jesus Christ, the One that God sent. John 1:12; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 6:28,29*
- 7. “Before you can quote the bible, what must you do? You must memorize it. If you take the time to discipline yourself to memorize the Word, when the opportunity arises you can quote Scripture and help others understand the gospel. Among the early Apostles, memorizing the Old Testament Scriptures was a standard practice. They knew the Word of God, and when the opportunity arose for witness, they were ready.” (LeRoy Eims)*
- 8. Some Scripture that would be good for believers to have at hand are: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:12; 10:9,10; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 6:28,29.*
- 9. These new believers were immediately baptized in water. Baptism was made a part of the Great Commission by Jesus in Matthew 28:19,20 and was regularly practiced by the early church (as in this passage). Those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior, put their faith in Him, should be baptized as soon as possible after trusting Christ. Baptism doesn’t save a person and does not contribute anything to a person’s salvation. In baptism we identify with Jesus Christ as our Savior and identify ourselves as His followers. It is a picture of our union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection.*