

**21** Then Peter, going down to the men, said: Behold, I am he whom you seek; what is the cause for which you are come?

**22** Who said: Cornelius, a centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and having good testimony from all the nation of the Jews, received an answer of an holy angel, to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

**23** Then bringing them in, he lodged them. And the day following he arose, and went with them: and some of the brethren from Joppe accompanied him.

**24** And the morrow after, he entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, having called together his kinsmen and special friends.

**25** And it came to pass, that when Peter was come in, Cornelius came to meet him, Cornelius came to meet him, and falling at his feet adored.

**26** But Peter lifted him up, saying: Arise, I myself also am a man.

**27** And talking with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

**28** And he said to them: You know how abominable it is for a man that is a Jew, to keep company or to come unto one of another nation: but God hath shewed to me, to call no man common or unclean.

**29** For which cause, making no doubt, I came when I was sent for. I ask, therefore, for what cause you have sent for me?

**30** And Cornelius said: Four days ago, unto this hour, I was praying in my house, at the ninth hour, and behold a man stood before me in white apparel, and said:

**31** Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thy alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

**32** Send therefore to Joppe, and call hither Simon, who is surnamed Peter: he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, by the sea side.

**33** Immediately therefore I sent to thee: and

thou hast done well in coming. Now therefore all we are present in thy sight, to hear all things whatsoever are commanded thee by the Lord.

**34** And Peter opening his mouth, said: In very deed I perceive, that God is not a respecter of persons.

**35** But in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh justice, is acceptable to him.

**36** God sent the word to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all.)

**37** You know the word which hath been published through all Judea: for it began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached,

**38** Jesus of Nazareth: how God anointed him with the Holy Ghost, and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**39** And we are witnesses of all things that he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed, hanging him upon a tree.

**40** Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest,

**41** Not to all the people, but to witnesses pre-ordained by God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he arose again from the dead;

**42** And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is he who was appointed by God, to be judge of the living and of the dead.

**43** To him all the prophets give testimony, that by his name all receive remission of sins, who believe in him.

**44** While Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word.

**45** And the faithful of the circumcision, who came with Peter, were astonished, for that the

grace of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the Gentiles also.

**46** For they heard them speaking with tongues, and magnifying God.

**47** Then Peter answered: Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost, as well as we?

**48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they desired him to tarry with them some days.

## Chapter 11

And the apostles and brethren, who were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

**2** And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

**3** Saying: Why didst thou go in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them?

**4** But Peter began and declared to them the matter in order, saying:

**5** I was in the city of Joppe praying, and I saw in an ecstasy of mind a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners, and it came even unto me.

**6** Into which looking, I considered, and saw fourfooted creatures of the earth, and beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air:

**7** And I heard also a voice saying to me: Arise, Peter; kill and eat.

**8** And I said: Not so, Lord; for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth.

**9** And the voice answered again from heaven: What God hath made clean, do not thou call common.

**10** And this was done three times: and all were taken up again into heaven.

**11** And behold, immediately there were three men come to the house wherein I was, sent to me from Caesarea.

**12** And the Spirit said to me, that I should go with them, nothing doubting. And these six brethren went with me also: and we entered into the man's house.

**13** And he told us how he had seen an angel in his house, standing, and saying to him: Send to Joppe, and call hither Simon, who is surnamed Peter,

**14** Who shall speak to thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, and all thy house.

**15** And when I had begun to speak, the Holy Ghost fell upon them, as upon us also in the beginning.

**16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said: John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

**17** If then God gave them the same grace, as to us also who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, that could withstand God?

**18** Having heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying: God then hath also to the Gentiles given repentance unto life.

**19** Now they who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose on occasion of Stephen, went about as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none, but to the Jews only.

**20** But some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were entered into Antioch, spoke also to the Greeks, preaching the Lord Jesus.

**21** And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believing, were converted to the Lord.

**22** And the tidings came to the ears of the church that was at Jerusalem, touching these things: and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch.

**23** Who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, rejoiced: and he exhorted them all with purpose of heart to continue in the Lord.

**24** For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord.

**25** And Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul: whom, when he had found, he brought to Antioch.

**26** And they conversed there in the church a whole year; and they taught a great multitude, so that at Antioch the disciples were first named Christians.

**27** And in these days there came prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch:

**28** And one of them named Agabus, rising up, signified by the Spirit, that there should be a great famine over the whole world, which came to pass under Claudius.

**29** And the disciples, every man according to his ability, purposed to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judea:

**30** Which also they did, sending it to the ancients, by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## Chapter 12

And at the same time, Herod the king stretched forth his hands, to afflict some of the church.

**2** And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.

**3** And seeing that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to take up Peter also. Now it was in the days of the Azymes.

**4** And when he had apprehended him, he cast

him into prison, delivering him to four files of soldiers to be kept, intending, after the pasch, to bring him forth to the people.

**5** Peter therefore was kept in prison. But prayer was made without ceasing by the church unto God for him.

**6** And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

**7** And behold an angel of the Lord stood by him: and a light shined in the room: and he striking Peter on the side, raised him up, saying: Arise quickly. And the chains fell off from his hands.

**8** And the angel said to him: Gird thyself, and put on thy sandals. And he did so. And he said to him: Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

**9** And going out, he followed him, and he knew not that it was true which was done by the angel: but thought he saw a vision.

**10** And passing through the first and the second ward, they came to the iron gate that leadeth to the city, which of itself opened to them. And going out, they passed on through one street: and immediately the angel departed from him.

**11** And Peter coming to himself, said: Now I know in very deed, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

**12** And considering, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, who was surnamed Mark, where many were gathered together and praying.

**13** And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, whose name was Rhode.