XI. 1—3. THE ACTS. 725   
 Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.   
 45 1 And = ver 2   
 they of the cireumcision which believed were astonished,   
   
 as many as came w ith, Peter, \* because that on the Gentiles °¢,3   
 also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For   
   
 they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.   
 Then answered Peter, 47Can any man forbid & wader, that   
 these should not be baptized, which have received the   
   
 Holy Ghost tas well as we? 484 And he commanded te. 2.37:   
 them to be baptized \*in the name of the Lord. Then wi ie   
 prayed they him to tarry certain days.   
   
 XI. ! And the apostles and brethren that were in Judea   
 heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.   
 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, \*they that \*2.%;%;   
 were of the cireumcision contended with him, saying, Gal. 12,   
   
   
 & render, the water.   
   
 haps beyond this point his own mind may baptism?’ the water. . . the Ghost]   
 as yet have been not sufficiently enlight- The TWo great Paxts of full and complete   
 ened to set forth the full liberty of the baptism : the latter infinitely than,   
 Gospel of Christ,—when the fire of the but not superseding the necessity of, the,   
 Lord.fell, approving the sacrifice of the former. ‘The article should here certainly”   
 Gentiles (see Rom. xv. 16): conferring on be expressed: Can any forbid THE WATER   
 them the substance before the symbol,— to these who have received TE sPiRIT?   
 the baptism with the Holy Ghost before —The expression forbid, used with the   
 the baptism with water: and teaching us, water, is interesting, as that the   
 that as the Holy Spirit dispensed once and practice was bring the water to the can-   
 for all with the necessity of circumcision didates, not the candidates to the water.   
 in the flesh, can He also, when it pleases This, which would be implied by the word   
 him, with the necessity of water-baptism : under any cireumstances, is rendered cer-   
 and warning the Christian church not to tain, when we remember that they were   
 put baptism itself in the place which cir- assembled iz the house. 48. he com-   
 cumeision once held. See further in note manded them to be baptized] As the Lord   
 on Peter’s important words, ch. xi. 16.— Himself when on earth did not baptize   
 The outpouring of the Spirit on the Gen- (John iv. 2), so did not ordinarily the   
 tiles was strictly to that in the Apostles (see 1 Cor. i. 13—16, and note).   
 day of Pentecost; Peter himself describes Perhaps the saine reason may have operated   
 it by adding (ch. xi. 15), on us at the in both —lest those baptized by our   
 beginning. Whether there was any visible Lord, or by the chief Apostles, arro-   
 appearance in this case, cannot be deter- gate to themselves pre-eminence on that.   
 mined: perhaps from ver. 46 it would ap- accomit. Also, which is implied in 1 Cor.   
 pear not. 45.] We do not read that j. 17, as compared with Aets vi. 2, the   
 Peter himself was astonished. He had ministry of the Word was esteemed by   
 been specially prepared by the vision : they them their higher and paramount duty   
 had not.—The speaking with tongues here and office, the subordinate minis-   
 is identified with the speaking with other tration of the ordinances was committed   
 tongues of ch. ii. by the assertion of ch. to those who served tables.   
 xi. 15, just cited;—and this again with Cuapv. XI. 1—18.] PETER susTIFIES,   
 the speaking with tongues of ch. xix. 6: BEFORE THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM, HIS   
 so that the gift was one and the same HAVING CONSORTED WITH MEN UNCIR-   
 throughout. On the whole subject, see CUMCISED. 1. in Judea] perhaps   
 note, ch. ii. 4. 47.] One great end of nore strictly, throughout Judea.   
 the unexpected effusion of the Holy Spirit that the Gentiles... also ...] They seem   
 was, entirely to preclude the question to have heard the “fact, without any cir-   
 which otherwise could not but have arisen, cumstantial detail (but see on the words   
 patos! not thse men he circumcised before “the angel” below, ver. OH and, from   
 OL. 3B