

## ***The Church of the Servant King***

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### ***Survey of the Bible Series – The Book of Acts***

#### **(SB\_Acts11\_Questions for Personal Reflection)**

- ❖ Acts 10:47-48 – Why would Peter consider water baptism to be so important – important enough to “command” the new Gentile converts to be baptized?
  
- ❖ Acts 10:45 cf. 11:2, 12 – What do you observe about the phrase “those of the circumcision” and the phrase “these six brethren” in these verses? Are they the same individuals in all cases? Different? What does the fact that some were “of the circumcision” really mean? Why was this an issue to some? Were these people really believers? In what?
  
- ❖ Acts 11:7 – Does God condone or condemn killing animals for food? What was unique about these animals?
  
- ❖ Acts 11:14 – Is the angel here indicating to Peter that a man’s salvation extends to the salvation of his household?
  
- ❖ Acts 11:16 – What is the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” to which Jesus referred that was practiced by John? Was the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to which Jesus referred and that was practiced by John related to the New Covenant (see Jer 31:31-34)? The “last days?”
  
- ❖ What is the difference between the “baptism with the Holy Spirit” and the “baptism by the Holy Spirit?” (Compare Matt 3:11; Mk 1:8; Lu 3:16; Jn 1:33; Acts 1:5 & 11:16 with 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27; Rom 6:1-4; Col 2:9-13; Eph 4:4-6)
  
- ❖ Are there any examples of Jews or Gentiles becoming believers here in Acts where they didn’t receive “baptism with the Holy Spirit?” (See 9:35; 9:42; 11:21)
  
- ❖ Acts 11:26 – Are these “Christians” in this passage members of the Body of Christ?
  
- ❖ Acts 11:27 – Explain the presence of “prophets” in the “church.”
  
- ❖ Acts 11:30 – Who were the “elders?” What is the origin of elders in Judaism? Is there a place for “elders” in the local church today? If so, is there a precedent for the present age?

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