

Sermon Title: "Peter Promotes the Gospel"

Date: November 6, 2022 - Acts 9:32-43

Central Idea: The Holy Spirit uses different methods to promote the Gospel. Are you open to the Holy Spirit's methods?

Introduction: Luke's narrative returns to Peter, for it was vitally important to show how the church came to accept uncircumcised Gentiles as true Christians before Paul's missionary journeys could be properly understood. It's important because it traces the steps leading up to the official entrance of the Gentiles into the Christian church. Peter had struggled with a negative attitude toward Gentiles. This passage may be considered as a record of Peter's progress and as a pattern for Christian progress. It gives us three different pictures of what the Gospel can do.

I. Sickness and the Gospel vv. 32-35

1. Visitation v. 32
2. Infirmary v. 33
3. Blessing v. 34
4. Influence v. 35

II. Sorrow and the Gospel vv. 36-39a

1. A Worthy Woman v. 36
2. A Sad Loss v. 37
3. A Great Hope v. 38
4. A Ready Response v. 39a

III. Death and the Gospel vv. 39b-43

1. Sorrow v. 39b
2. Solitude v. 40a
3. Sequel vv. 40b-43

Conclusion: Jesus had commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Good News. But Peter had an unfortunate attitude that could have strangled his ministry and could have reduced Christianity to just another sect of Judaism. God could not allow that, so He began to help Peter develop a proper attitude toward the world—the whole world!