

Acts 10:45

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Analysis

The Jewish believers' astonishment that 'the gift of the Holy Ghost was poured out on the Gentiles' reveals their stunned recognition of God's radical inclusion. The Greek 'exestēsan' (amazed) indicates overwhelming shock. Their prejudice dissolved before undeniable divine evidence—the same tongues and Spirit-manifestation witnessed at Pentecost.

Historical Context

The six Jewish Christians accompanying Peter from Joppa (Acts 11:12) served as witnesses to this epochal event. Their testimony would later validate Peter's controversial actions before Jerusalem's church (Acts 11:1-18).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What modern prejudices might God need to overcome in the church today?
2. How does undeniable divine action transform longstanding human biases?

Interlinear Text

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| καὶ | ἐξέστησαν | οἱ | ἐκ | περιτομῆς | πιστοὶ | ὅσοι | | |
| And | were astonished | G3588 | they of | the circumcision | which believed | as many as | | |
| G2532 | G1839 | | G1537 | G4061 | G4103 | G3745 | | |
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| συνῆλθον | τῷ | Πέτρῳ | ὅτι | καὶ | ἐπὶ | τὰ | ἔθνη | ἡ |
| came with | G3588 | Peter | because | And | that on | G3588 | the Gentiles | G3588 |
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| δωρεὰ | τοῦ | ἁγίου | πνεύματος | ἐκκέχυται· | | | | |
| the gift | G3588 | of the Holy | Ghost | was poured out | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:38 (Holy): Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:23 (References Peter): Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

Acts 2:33 (Holy): Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Ephesians 2:11 (Parallel theme): Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Galatians 2:15 (Parallel theme): We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,