

**March 22, 2026**

**Sunday School | Bible Study**

**Welcoming Others Who Are Not in Christ**

**Scripture: Acts 10:9–15, 30–35**

**Galatians 3:28–29**





## **CALLING ALL MEN**



**PLEASE: RSVP** for the Men's Prayer Breakfast next Saturday, March 28, 2026 beginning at 9:15am, if you haven't already done so. And please invite someone to the fellowship.

Please RSVP by using the survey link provided here.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGV5F7P>

God bless you and keep you! Have a wonderful weekend!

Called by God,

~Rev Will

# *Palm* **SUNDAY**

*"The King Has Come"*

**29**

MARCH  
SUNDAY

**9:30 AM**

**Join us as we begin Holy Week**



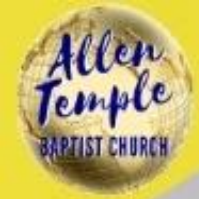
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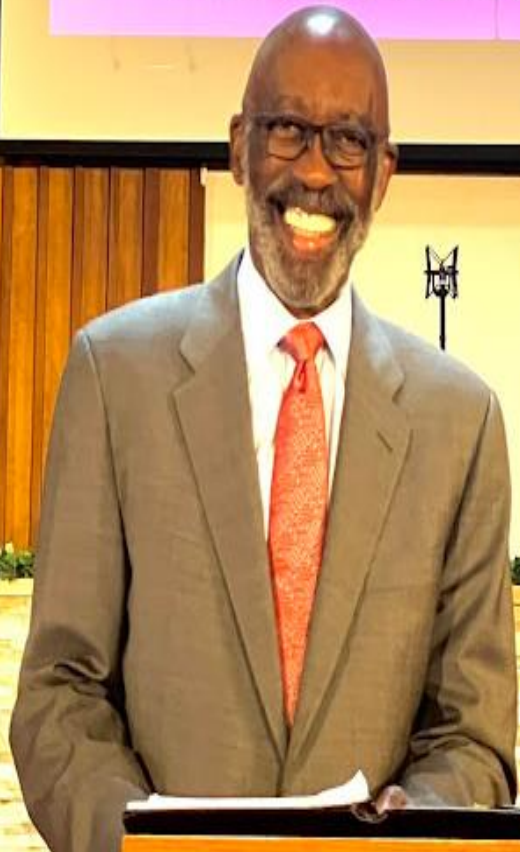
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL *Live*

We will begin shortly!  
Please stand by!

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**WAITING FOR  
GOD'S PEACE**

**BACKGROUND  
SCRIPTURE:  
ISAIAH 11:6–10;  
JOHN 18:28–38;  
EPHESIANS 4:4–6,  
13–19**

**ISAIAH 2:2–4  
(ACTS 17:26–28)**

# LESSON INTRODUCTION

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**The Christian church birthed on the day of Pentecost stemmed from a core of believers with Jewish backgrounds (Acts 2:5). The 12 apostles, seven deacons in Jerusalem (6:5–6), Paul and Barnabas (14:1), and Jesus himself were all ethnically Jewish or converts to Judaism.**

# **BACKGROUND & CONTEXT**

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**Most Jews in the Roman Empire kept themselves apart from Gentiles, forming distinct communities in their cities. Observant Jews saw Gentiles as unclean pagans who endangered Jewish religious and moral purity. They would not eat with Gentiles nor visit their homes (10:28)**

# GOALS FOR TODAY

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- 1. Understand and model Galatians 3:28–29 in reflection of Acts 10.**
- 2. Initiate conversations and action across the wider family of God to dismantle walls of cultural division.**

## **ACTS 10:9-10 NIV**

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**9. About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.**

**10. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.**

# **ACTS 10:11-12 NIV**

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**11. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.**

**12. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds.**

# ACTS 10:13-14 NIV

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**13. Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”**

**14. “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”**

# ACTS 10:15-16 NIV

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**15. The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”**

**16. This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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1. Peter prays at noon: prayer precedes correction.
2. The sheet descending from heaven symbolizes creation under divine authority.
3. “Kill and eat” confronts ceremonial boundaries.
4. Peter resists three times, echoing his discipleship.
5. God’s declaration: “What God has cleansed, do not call common.”





# SELF - REFLECTION

**Do I hold religious practices that cause me to treat others unjustly?**

**Am I properly fulfilling the Mission God Has Given me?**

**What Barriers exist??**

**How may I improve?**

# ACTS 10:30 NIV

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## A. The Angelic Messenger (vv. 30–33)

**30. Cornelius answered: “Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me**



# QUESTIONS?

- 1. What practical steps will you take in the week ahead to become a more effective witness for the Lord???**
- 2. What training and resources will you need to assist you in this endeavor???**

## **ACTS 10:31 -32 NIV**

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**31. “and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor.**

**32. “ ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’**

## **ACTS 10:33 NIV**

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**33. “So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.”**

# ACTS 10:34 NIV

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## B. The Preaching Apostle (vv. 34–35)

**34. Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism  
Although Peter initially struggles to**

# ACTS 10:35 NIV

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**35. “but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”**

## **GALATIANS 3:28–29**

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**28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

## **KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- A. Paul addresses identity in covenant membership.**
- B. Unity in Christ is legal, spiritual, and missionary.**
- C. Abrahamic inheritance now comes through Christ.**



# QUESTIONS?

**1. In what ways can you practice fellowship with other believers?**

**2. Digging Deeper**

**DO WE WELCOME / GREET**

**OTHERS WHO ARE NOT IN**

**CHRIST, in the same manner we**

**greet our known brothers &**

**sisters? Why?**

# LIFE APPLICATION

## Thought to Remember

**Christ's salvation is available to all people without distinction.**

# Prayer

**Lord God, forgive us for the times we've failed to consider every believer in Christ as an equal member of your family. Unite us to see no distinctions in your salvation. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**