

## **The King's Peace Proclaimed**

1. The King Sends His People to Proclaim His Peace (23-33).
2. Peace with God Has Been Won by Jesus Christ Alone (34-43).
3. King Jesus Welcomes Gentiles into His Family (44-48).

The sweetness of the promise being fulfilled is heightened by its long delay. God had blessed Abraham and his family and promised that through him God would bless all the nations. Jesus continued to echo that promise and instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit would empower them to take the good news of God's reconciliation to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world. Here in Acts 10 we see the beginning of that last part, the King's peace being proclaimed to a representative of Rome and the ends of the earth. Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our great King!

## First Peter 2: 4 – 10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: (Quotes Isaiah 28:16; Ps 118:22; Isaiah 8:14)

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Acts—Series Overview

### ***The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power***

*Acts* records God’s faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit’s direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Roll out the red carpet! The King has sent His herald to proclaim pardon to traitors like us. The penalty for our treason has been paid on the cross of Jesus and we are reconciled to God by faith in Him. The Holy Spirit of God Himself attests to their acceptance and issues the invitation for Cornelius and his family to be welcomed into the family with Christian baptism. Praise the King!

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Acts 10:23-48; First Peter 2:4-10; Romans 1:16-17**. DISCUSS, Why is the proclamation of who Jesus is and what He has done good news? Why is it important for these Gentiles to hear about this Jewish King? If the King of Kings pardons you, whom do you have to fear? PRAY “Lord King, we thank You for the gift of peace and reconciliation with God. Teach us to cherish what You have given us. Use us to proclaim this good news to all who will listen. ”

## Sunday Evening

*Young Adults' Fellowship at 6:00 pm at the Parsonage with dinner.*

## Monday

READ **Acts 10:23-33; Isaiah 8:11-15; 28:14-16; Psalm 118:19-24**. DISCUSS, How did Jesus prepare both the messenger and the audience for this great message? How does this demonstrate the King's sovereignty in drawing those He will to Himself? How was He already preparing for this in the Old Testament? PRAY, “Jesus, You're worthy of all praise, glory, & honor. Make us joyfully give it all to You!”

## Tuesday

READ **Acts 10:34-43; First Peter 1:10-12; First Corinthians 15:3-11**. DISCUSS, What is the essence of the gospel? How are traitors against the King reconciled? Why did Jesus have to suffer? PRAY, “Jesus, thank You for the gift of reconciliation. Help us to serve You faithfully as the King. Teach us to submit to You in love.”

### Wednesday

READ **Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 47:1-9; Second Timothy 4:1-2**. DISCUSS, What difference does it make that Jesus is the promised King of Kings? How does His identity make sense of what He has done? How are you serving Him as the proper King? PRAY, “Lord, forgive us for all the ways we rebel against You and Your Kingdom. Please accept our worship and devotion because of what You have accomplished for us. Teach us to obey You and serve You with all our hearts.”

### Thursday

READ **Acts 2:37-41; 8:4-7; 10:44-48**; DISCUSS, Notice how the Lord works in each case to enable the people to receive His Word. How are you living according to the King’s commands? PRAY, “Lord, give us undivided hearts with which to serve You.”

### Friday

READ **Acts 10:23-48; First Peter 2:4-10; Romans 1:16-17**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? REJOICE if God has granted you the gift of faith in Christ! PRAY for renewal and revival across our land.

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *There will be both the live-stream and in-person services available.*

READ **Acts 11:1-30; Luke 24:44-49**. Invite others to join you for either the *live-stream or in-person service* tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help us love our neighbors well.

## Romans 1: 16 – 17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”