

**ACTS**  
**Conflict Over Gentile Conversions**  
**Acts 11:1-18**

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**1. \_\_\_\_\_ arose within the church as Jewish believers expressed concern over admitting Gentiles into the Christian community.**

- a. Cornelius, his family and friends exemplified true saving faith as they \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.
  
- b. Those who were “of the circumcision” took issue with Peter over what happened with these new Gentile believers.
  - 1) This seems to be a group who felt that one could not become a Christian unless they did it through \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - 2) *“The primary purpose of circumcision was to mark the boundaries of the people of the covenant with Abraham.”*  
  
*“The blessing for the nations will come from the people who belong to the covenant of circumcision.”*  
  
*“The Israelites turned circumcision into a badge of \_\_\_\_\_.” - Samuel Renihan*

**2. Peter’s response to the concern of “the circumcision” provides helpful principles in dealing with conflict.**

- a. In conflict, there is the need to \_\_\_\_\_ and consider carefully what the concerns are.
  
- b. In conflict, it is important to give priority to \_\_\_\_\_ revelation in His Word.
  - 1) Peter spoke of how the Lord revealed truth to him through the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unclean animals.
  
  - 2) Peter spoke of how the Lord sent an angel to Cornelius with a message from God.
  
  - 3) Peter spoke of how the Holy Spirit fell upon all the Gentiles who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, just as He had on them at Pentecost.
  
  - 4) Peter spoke of how this was consistent with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit spoken by Jesus Christ.
  
- c. In conflict, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that is more important than anything else.