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OBSERVATIONS ON DIVINE INTERVENTION with Peter & the House of Cornelius, Acts 10:1-11:18

A review of this passage is necessary before we go over these points. 1. The importance of this scenario is manifest in the amount of ______ devoted to it (66 verses record the details and ripple effects among Jewish believers). Question: Why did the Holy Spirit so lead Luke? 2. NOTE: This is another illustration of God directly intervening in the course of history in order to clarify His will: the Twelve and the Jewish-Christians were to know, accept and propagate that the Gospel was provided for ALL, both Jews and Gentiles. 3. Moreover: Jewish culture was not to be a standard for Gentile Christians. There are no cultural distinctions in the Body of Christ (see Galatians 3:28, written ca. 48 A.D. BEFORE the Council of Jerusalem). 4. Peter's experience with the household of Cornelius occurred about 39 A.D. Ten years later (A.D. 49), the issue was debated at the Council of Jerusalem with Peter reminding all about his experience with Cornelius. Counsel of Jerusalem summarized: Gentile Christians do not need to be _____ nor _____ to be saved! 5. The problem of adding proscriptions to the Gospel message still exist today, not in the form

of Jewish-Gentile issues, rather in the ______ of Christianity to which one adheres.

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