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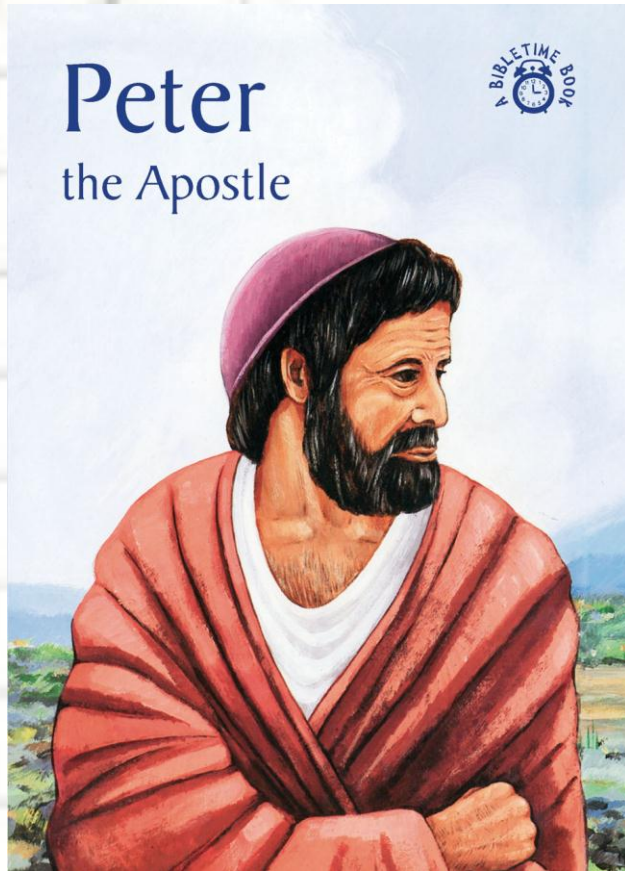


**THE WALL:  
A  
STORY  
OF  
PETER  
AND  
CORNELIUS**

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# **THE WALL :**

# **A STORY OF PETER AND CORNELIUS**

## **Acts 10**

# Famous Walls



**Great Wall of China :**  
**13,000 miles (walls, trenches and natural defences)**

# Famous Walls



**The Berlin Wall -  
96 miles , 3.6 m wall  
(1961 – 1989)**

# Famous Walls

Israel 's Security Barrier - 403 miles, 8 m wall



# Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

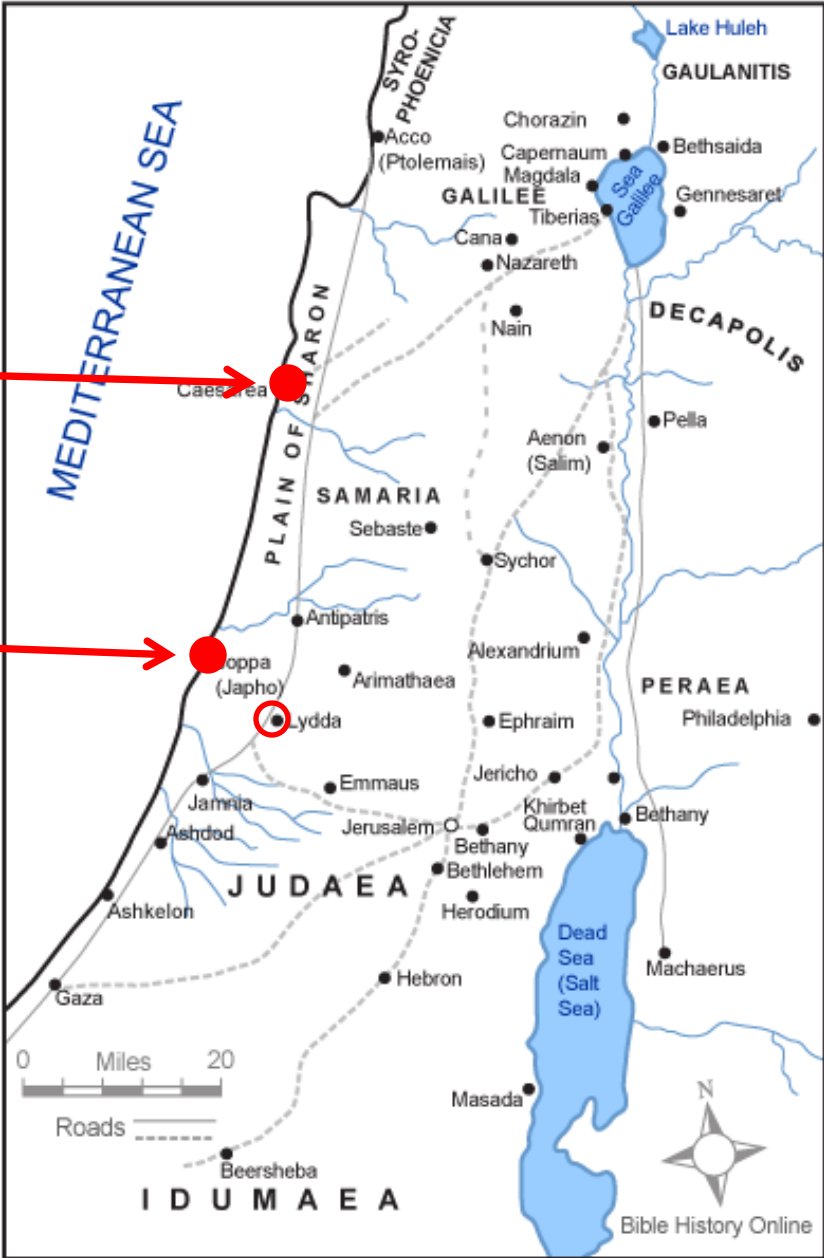
**Acts 1-7      The Gospel in Jerusalem**

**Acts 8-12    The Gospel in Judea and Samaria**

**Acts 13-28   The Gospel to the ends of the earth**

Caesarea

Joppa



# **Cornelius - A Man Who Longed After God**

## **Acts 10 : 1 - 7**



**Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up  
as a memorial offering before God v.4**



# **Peter's Vision of A Sheet With Unclean Animals**

## **Acts 10 : 9 -16**



**Do not call anything impure that  
God has made clean v.15**

# Peter with Cornelius Household

Acts 10 : 23 - 47



You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean v.28

I know realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts man from every nation who fear him and do what is right v. 34-35.

# Lesson 1 : **The BIG PICTURE**

**And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come . Matt 24:14**

**1. This is SSMC's DNA**

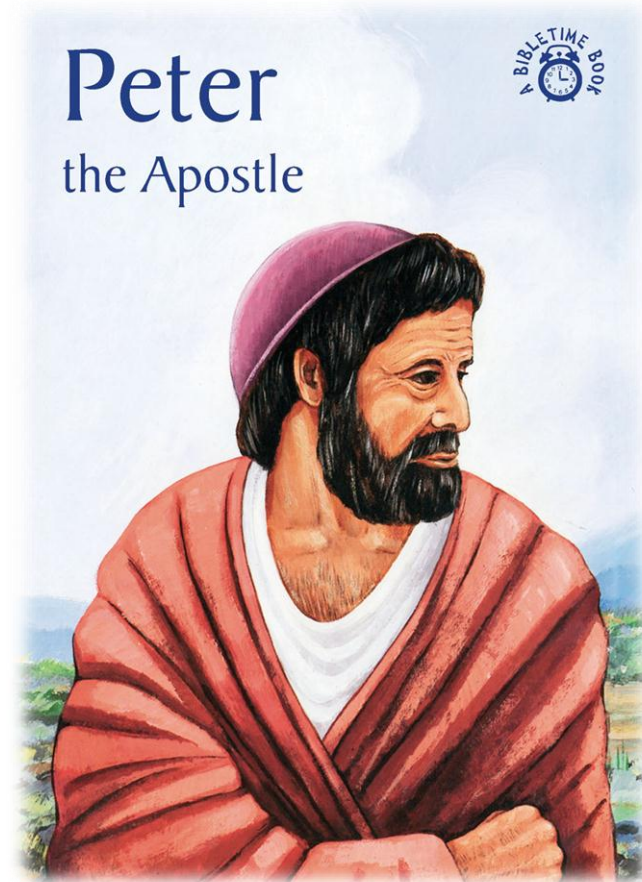
**2. This is OUR PRIVILEGE**



## Lesson 2 : **PETER, THE APOSTLE**

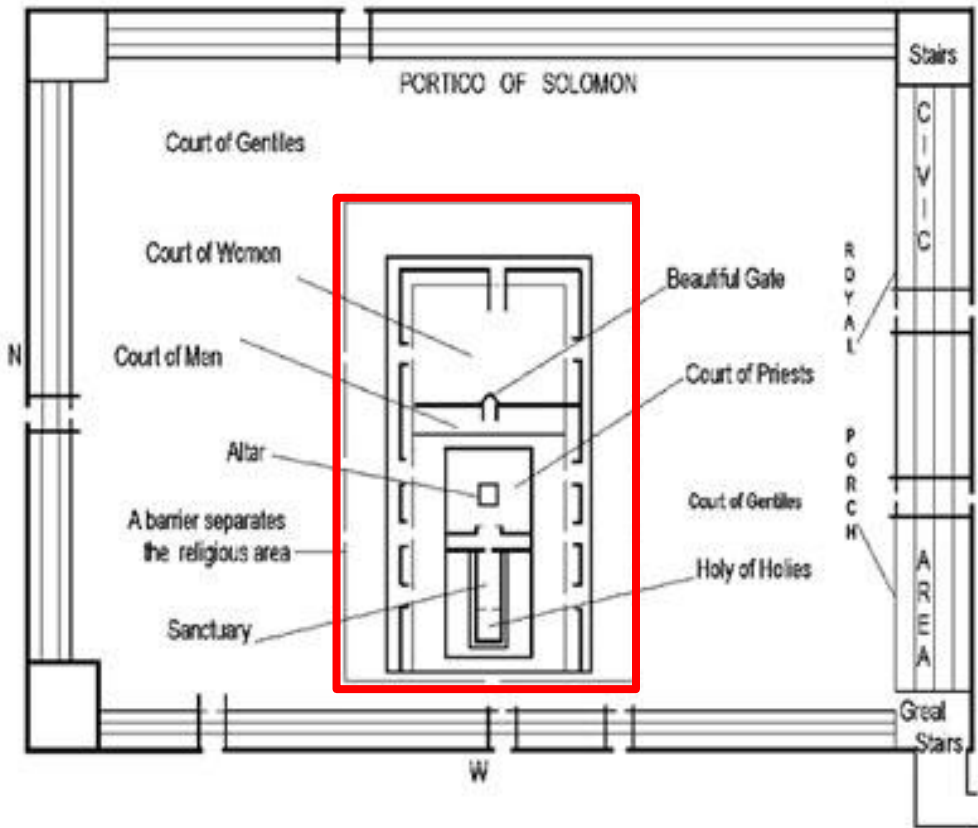
To TOUCH LIVES, what 'walls' need to come down in our lives ?

- **PREJUDICE**
- **FEAR**
- **UNBELIEF**
- **NARCISSISM**
- **HURTS**
- **FAILURES/DISSAPOINTMENTS**
- **etc.**



# The Balustrade

The dividing wall of hostility (Jews and Gentiles)



NO FOREIGNER IS TO GO BEYOND  
THE BALUSTRADE AND THE  
PLAZA OF THE TEMPLE ZONE  
WHOEVER IS CAUGHT DOING SO  
WILL HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME  
FOR HIS DEATH  
WHICH WILL FOLLOW

## Eph 2:12-18

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

# Lesson 3 : **CORNELIUS, THE GENTILE**

**PERSON of PEACE** - A person sovereignly prepared by God to receive the Gospel , before you arrive .

(Luke 10:6)

## 1. A person of receptivity

- Lydia of Philippi (she and her household ) Acts 16
- Jailer of Philippi (he and his whole family) Acts 16
- Cornelius



## 2. A person of reputation (good or bad)

- Demoniac of Gadara, region of Decapo
- The Samaritan woman
- King of Nineveh etc



## 3. A person of referral

**GOD IS WORKING,  
PREPARING LIVES**





# THE STORY OF THE THREE FROGS

