Can Gentiles Be Part of the Savior's Church?

Prior to the events in Acts 10, the gospel was not taught to Gentiles. A Gentile could not join the Church of Jesus Christ without first converting to Judaism and keeping the law of Moses. This meant that males would need to be circumcised.

1. Read Acts 10:1–8, and consider why Cornelius's background as a Gentile is important in this account.
    o To learn more about the context of this passage, you could read "Acts 10:1–8. What was important about Cornelius's conversion to Christianity?" in *Scripture Helps: New Testament*.

2. Read Acts 10:9–18, and consider what the Lord taught Peter through a dream about food.
    o To learn more about the context of this passage, you could read "Acts 10:11–16. What was the meaning of Peter's vision?" in *Scripture Helps: New Testament*.

Understanding this context, read Acts 10:19–35, 44–48. Look for what the Lord revealed to Peter that initiated a change in the Church regarding Gentiles.

- Why was this a groundbreaking change?

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