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Week 6 DQ1: God-Fearers

No, I have never heard of it that much. The only time I really ever heard it mentioned was when members of the church would say, "People should be more God fearing" and etc. I analyzed it as someone who draws close to God and desires to remain close to Him, someone who honors God's word, lives a holy life, and is obedient to all that He tells them to do. However, in the book of Acts, God-fearers were Gentiles who were drawn to Judaism's moral precepts and possibly observed some of its commandments, but they were not fully converted. They were labeled "semi-converted" because they embraced certain aspects of Judaism but did not adhere to all moral rules.

In general, people who claim to be Catholics and attend church but haven't been baptized or received their first communion are examples of Catholics. They are essential to understanding the first-century church's approach to preaching to Gentiles as well as the notion that even those who were completely converted were not superior to those who were not. It made it apparent that everyone must surrender to and obey the Holy Spirit's instructions. This indicated that action and devotion to the Holy Spirit were more important than ceremony.

