

Acts 10

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *10:2* Cornelius had abandoned the pagan religions of Rome and worshiped Jehovah God. He is described as performing two of the three main acts of righteousness—prayer and almsgiving (only fasting is not mentioned).
- 2) *10:10* God was not only drawing Cornelius, but was also preparing Peter at the same time.
- 3) *10:14* In the Levitical Law, God laid down certain restrictions for Israel in order that they be kept separate from their neighbors (Leviticus 20:25-26).
- 4) *10:15* Since the arrival of a ‘New Covenant’ and the calling of the Church, the time of restrictions was over.
- 5) *10:10-16* The meaning of Peter’s vision is twofold:
 - Abolishing of the Old Testament dietary restrictions (Mark 7:14–23; Romans 14:1–3; Colossians 2:16–17; 1 Timothy 4:1–5)
 - Bringing Jews and Gentiles together into one body (Ephesians 2:14–18; Romans 3:22–23; 10:12–13)
- 6) *10:27* If only Cornelius were saved, the Jerusalem church may have considered him an aberration. If a group of Gentiles were saved, however, they would have to accept that God was including Gentiles into the church.
- 7) *10:28* Peter’s vision/experience only related to unclean foods, but he fully caught the symbolism.
- 8) *10:33* You never know when your willingness to talk about Jesus is exactly what someone has been waiting and praying for.
- 9) *Acts 10:35* does not teach salvation by works, otherwise Peter would have been contradicting himself (10:43). To fear God is to reverence and trust Him (Micah 6:8). The evidence of this faith is a righteous life.

- 10) *10:36-43* Some situations call for a detailed presentation before people can understand. Others require only the simple truths of the gospel.
- 11) *10:40* Jesus’ literal resurrection is the only bridge crossing the gulf separating you from God (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- 12) *10:43* The most essential information Peter could tell them:
 - “Everyone”—the universal offer of saving grace
 - “Who believes in Him”—the means of receiving saving grace is by faith in Christ alone
 - “Receives forgiveness of sins”—the stunning, unspeakable privilege
- 13) *10:44* When they heard that forgiveness was in Jesus, they believed.
- 14) *10:45-46* Like the original Pentecost, it was a unique, unrepeatable event.

GREEK WORDS

Emphobos—response of awe, not cowering fear
 Xenizō—to lodge; to entertain as a guest

TODAY’S SONGS

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