

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES

Chapter 10 - Peter & Cornelius

Introduction: Luke took a small detour to tell us about Stephen, Philip and Saul in chapters 6-9. In 9:31 Luke says, “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.” Here in chapter 10 Luke picks back up with Peter.

I. Cornelius (10:1-8)

How does Luke describe Cornelius?

- Roman _____: He knew authority
- A _____ man: He was a monotheist
- _____ God with his _____: Led his house
- Gave alms _____: Good reputation
- _____ continuously: Humble



Did Cornelius' prayers and alms save him?



II. Peter's Vision (10:9-23)

- Peter's vision of a sheet with all kinds animals (3x)
- Why did Peter not rise, kill and eat? (Lev. 11)

What did the statement, “What God has made clean, do not call common” mean and apply?

Did Peter come to understand the meaning? (10:28, 34-35)

III. Cornelius with His Family and Friends (Gentiles) Hear the Good News (10:24-43)

- Peter did not allow Cornelius to _____ before him (vs. 25-26)
- What was Cornelius' desire at this time? (v. 33)
- _____ people are gathered to hear Peter (v. 33)
- “You _____” what happened in Judea (v. 37)
- Jesus' power, died, buried, resurrected, witnesses
- Forgiveness through His name (v. 43)



V. Holy Spirit Falls on Gentiles (10:44-48)

- Holy Spirit fell on Gentiles like Jews in Acts 2
- Peter was just getting started in his sermon (11:15)
- Did this mean they were _____ at that moment? (11:16-18)

LESSONS FOR ME:

- The journey of faith in Jesus always leads to _____ (v. 47-48)
- _____ about dietary laws by God in OT
- God does NOT show prejudice to men . . .
- Do I? (Matt. 7:12; Js 2; Eph. 2; Matt. 28:18-19)

