

To The End of the Earth Acts 10:24-11:18

i. Peter Meets Cornelius – 10:23-29

1. Peter leaves on next day – 10:23
Goes with the 3 visitors to Caesarea
Some brothers from Joppa go also
They will be witnesses later
2. Following day they reach Caesarea – 24
Cornelius was expecting them & invited family & friends
3. Cornelius bowed to worship Peter – 25-26
No doubt saw him as a messenger from God
Peter would not allow worship – “I too am a man”
4. Peter introduced to those gathered – 27-29
“You know, unlawful for Jew to visit a Gentile”
“But God has shown me, I should not call any Person common or unclean”
Indicates he understood the message in the sheet
“So when I was sent for, I came without objection”
- 5: Peter wants to know why he was here – 29

II. Cornelius Answers Peter – 10:30-33

1. Relates appearance of the angel – 30-32
“Four days ago about this hour” (9th hour)
“I was praying in my house”
A man in bright clothes appeared (angel)
“Cornelius, your prayer has been heard”
“Your alms have been remembered before God”
“Send to Joppa & ask for Simon who is called Peter”
He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea
2. “So I sent for you at once, you have been kind enough to come”
“Therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all you have been commanded by the Lord” - 33

III. Peter Preaches Christ to Gentiles – 10:34-43

1. Peter declares God’s message is for all nations – 34
He has come to understand God shows no partiality
In every nation, anyone who fears God & does right
He is acceptable with God (like Cornelius)
2. God brought His good news first to Israel – 35-36
His Son, Jesus Christ came through Israel
He came as promised to reconcile (peace) man to God
He has proclaimed His Son as Lord of all
3. You know how this Jesus came to Israel – 37-38
How He went through all Judea, beginning in Galilee
After the baptism that John proclaimed
God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit & power- 38
With that power He went about doing good
Healing all who were oppressed by the devil
For God was with Him
4. We are witnesses of all He did among the Jews – 39

But they rejected Him & crucified Him

5. God raised Him from the dead on the 3rd day—40-41
Made Him to appear, not to all, but to us as witnesses
He ate and drank with us after He rose from the dead
6. He commanded us to preach to the people – 42
And testify that He is One appointed by God to be judge of living & dead
7. To Him all the prophets bear witness – 43
That everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name

IV. Holy Spirit is Given to Gentiles – 10:44-48

1. While Peter was still speaking – 44
Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word
Nothing Peter did for them to receive Holy Spirit
No mention of prayer or laying on of hands
Fell on all who “heard the word”
“Heard” as is to receive what was heard
2. Peter’s Jewish companions were witness – 45-46
They were amazed when they heard the sign gift, speaking in tongues
3. Peter recognized baptism as sign of acceptance—47-48
They were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ
They asked Peter to remain for some days

V, Peter Reports in Jerusalem – 11:1-18

1. Believers heard about Peter & Gentiles – 1-3
The circumcision party criticized Peter
Because he met with uncircumcised & ate with them
2. Peter’s explanation in detail – 4-12
He related the full story of the vision – 4-9
Sheet let down from heaven with animals
A voice said “Rise Peter, kill and eat”
He spoke of his refusal to eat what is unclean
Voice said, “What God has made clean do not call common”
He told them it was repeated 3 times – 10
At that moment 3 men appeared from Caesarea – 11
Holy Spirit told me to go & 6 witnesses went al- 12
3. He told them about the angel’s visit – 13-14
Angel told Cornelius to send for Peter
Telling him where to find him in Joppa
Told him Peter would deliver a message
Telling Him & his Household them how to be saved
4. Peter related to them what happened – 15-17
As he began to speak the Holy Spirit fell on them – 15
Just as He fell on Jewish believers
Reminded them of God’s Word from John the Baptist-16
How he baptized with water but Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit
Peter concluded if God is saving Gentiles he must not resist – 17
5. Response of Jerusalem believers – 18
They fell silent – no further rebuttal
They glorified God, He has “granted repentance that leads to life”