

“THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYBODY”

ACTS 10

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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Review of Acts 9: conversion of Saul, a Jewish Pharisee.
- b. Today, Acts 10, another conversion, this time of a Roman Soldier: Cornelius

II. GOD PREPARES THE HEART OF THE HEARER (1-8)

- a. God is always working. Our job is not to work for God, but to join with Him in what He is already doing.
- b. Roman Officer: 60 Centurions in a Roman Legion, each of whom commanded around 80 men.
 - i. *Centurions had to be literate, have connections (letters of recommendation), be at least 30 years of age, and had already served a few years in the military.*
 - ii. *The centurion in the infantry is chosen for his size, strength and dexterity in throwing his missile weapons and for his skill in the use of his sword and shield; in short for his expertness in all the exercises. He is to be vigilant, temperate, active and readier to execute the orders he receives than to talk; Strict in exercising and keeping up proper discipline among his soldiers, in obliging them to appear clean and well-dressed and to have their arms constantly rubbed and bright. (Vegetius. De Re Militari,[15] II, 14)*
- c. Devout, Feared God, Generous, Prayed.
 - i. One might say, he does not need conversion. But that is the point of this story.
- d. 3 PM one day he has a “vision” from God
 - i. Gives him instructions

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III. GOD PREPARES THE HEART OF THE SHARER (9-15)

- a.* Peter was a great Apostle, but this was going to be outside of his comfort zone. We all have a comfort zone. God sometimes does His greatest work with us outside of our comfort zone.
- b.* He had to be prepared. His thinking had to be changed.
- c.* Noon time vision of the unclean animals.
- d.* No interpretation, he pondered on what that could mean.
- e.* Sent by the Spirit to go with them.

IV. THE MESSAGE IS PREACHED (34-43)

- a.* Gospel is for Everybody (34-35)
- b.* Gospel is about Jesus Christ
 - i.* Sent from God
 - ii.* Brings Peace
 - iii.* Lord of all
 - iv.* Full of the Holy Spirit and Power
 - v.* Did Good
 - vi.* Freed people from the oppression of the Devil.
 - vii.* God was with Him
 - viii.* Crucified
 - ix.* Raised from the Dead on the 3rd Day
 - x.* Judge of the Living and the Dead
 - xi.* Whoever Believes in Him will be saved

V. THE EVIDENCE OF THE MESSAGE

- a.* Witness of the Apostles (39)
 - i.* These men so different walked and talked with Jesus and would be the core of those who took His message to the world.

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ii. We are witnesses of what Jesus had done in our lives.

b. Witness of the Scriptures (43)

i. Is 53, Psalm 22,

VI. THE EFFECT OF THE MESSAGE (44-48)

a. This is really the 3rd Evidence, the Witness of the Spirit

b. “Gentile Pentecost”

VII. CONCLUSION

a. God is the one who orchestrates the spread of the Gospel, but we are the vessels He uses. Be a vessel ready to be used. He will do the rest.