

## CAESAREA: CALL NO MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN

Acts 10:34-35

## Lessons On Prejudice

The Gospel is universal.

- ▣ Peter should have already understood this principle.
  - Prophecies. Isa. 2:2-4; Joel 2; cf. Acts 2
  - Christ's personal ministry. John 10:16; cf. Eph. 2:14
  - Great Commission. Mt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47
  - Part of the last message to the apostles. Acts 1:8
  - Peter had understood it. Acts 2:39

- ▣ All the apostles should have already understood this for the same reasons.
- ▣ YET, they challenged Peter Acts 11:1ff; cf. Acts 11:12; 15:7ff; Galatians 2:11-12

- ▣ In Christ we are not to make distinctions among people. Galatians 3:28
- ▣ Christ died to remove barriers. Eph. 2:11-15
- ▣ Paul taught against such distinctions. Phil. 3:2-8
- ▣ James taught no social distinctions. James 2:1-5

## Lessons on Conversion

## Characteristics of Cornelius

- ▣ Centurion ... military officer. Verse 1
- ▣ "Devout" Verse 2
- ▣ Had a reverent family. Verse 2
- ▣ Charitable. "gave alms" Verse 2
- ▣ Prayed always. Verse 2
- ▣ Just and good report. (KJV) Verse 22



- ▣ Outstanding character.
- ▣ Religious. *Acts 10:2*
- ▣ *Desired to know. Acts 10:33*
  - Morality cannot remove sin
  - It is necessary  
*Ephesians 5:3-11;*  
*1 Peter 2:11-12*



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## Miracle #1

- ▣ Angel appeared to Cornelius. *Acts 10:3-8*
  - Cornelius praying. cf. *1 Pet. 3:12*
    - ▣ Memorial cf. *Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3*
  - Told Cornelius what to do. Verse 6
    - ▣ *Acts 11:14; Titus 3:5*

## Miracle #2

- ▣ Peter's vision. Verses 9-16
  - Men on way to Joppa. Vs. 7-9
  - Had preached only to Jews. Vision convinced him to go. Verses 11-16

## Miracle #3

- ▣ Spirit assists in same matter. Vs. 19-20
- ▣ Peter goes with six brethren. Vs. 23; 11:12

- ▣ Meeting at home of Cornelius.
  - Peter refuses to be worshipped. Verses 25-26
  - Cornelius relates his experience. Verses 30-32
  - Many present "to hear all things commanded." Verse 33

▣ Peter's sermon. Verses 34-43.

1. No partiality with God.

- ▣ Must fear God. cf. Eccl. 12:13; Heb. 10:31; Rom. 11:22; 2 Cor. 5:11;  
*1 Peter 2:17 "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."*
- ▣ Work righteousness. *Ps 119:172 "Let my tongue sing of thy word; for all thy commandments are righteousness." cf. Rom. 10:1-10*

▣ Peter's sermon. Verses 34-43.

2. Salvation through Christ. Verses 36-43

- ▣ Anointed. cf. John 1:32ff
- ▣ Killed. cf. Acts 2:36; 3:13; 4:10; 5:29
- ▣ Raised. 1 Cor. 15:1ff
- ▣ Judge. Acts 17:30-31
- ▣ Fulfilled prophets. Luke 24:44
- ▣ Offers remission. Acts 2:38; 13:38

▣ Peter's sermon. Verses 34-43.

3. What man must do.

- ▣ Hear words. Acts 10:6; 11:14
- ▣ Believe in Christ.  
cf. Acts 10:43
- ▣ Repent. Acts 11:18
- ▣ Be baptized. Acts 10:48

### Miracle # 4

- ▣ Holy Spirit fell upon them. Acts 10:44; 11:15
  - Not to save. Acts 11:13-14
  - Not to give faith. Acts 15:7
  - Not to purify heart. Acts 15:9; Rom. 10:17
  - Not to give remission. Acts 10:43
  - Not to purify soul. 1 Pet. 1:22
  - Not to sanctify. John 17:17

### Miracle # 4

- ▣ Holy Spirit fell upon them. Acts 10:44; 11:15
  - To convince Jewish brethren. Acts 10:44-47
  - Others at Jerusalem. Acts 11:15-18

▣ Peter's sermon to Cornelius is the same sermon to all. Verses 34-43.

- What man must do.
  - ▣ Hear words. Acts 10:6; 11:14
  - ▣ Believe in Christ. cf. Acts 10:43
  - ▣ Repent. Acts 11:18
  - ▣ Be baptized. Acts 10:48

## Cornelius: Lost Moral Man

*Acts 10:1-2, 22; 11:14*

- ▣ *Remedy: Obey gospel and live righteously, Acts 10:43, 33-35, 48; 11:14, 18*



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