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MESSAGE NOTES
Acts 29

**Are You Open for God to Expand
What You're Willing to Do?**

Acts Chapter 10

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Acts 1:1 (NKJV) Luke writes:

The former account (Gospel of Luke) I made, O Theophilus [Gr. "God-lover"], of **all that Jesus began both to do and teach...**

Acts 10:1-2 (NKJV)

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

Cornelius was in the category of what the Jews called "God-fearers" (those who feared God); these were Gentiles who loved the God of Israel and were sympathetic and supportive of the Jewish faith.

Acts 10:3-5, 6 (NKJV)

About the ninth hour of the day (3pm) he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for...Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner...He will tell you what you must do."

Acts 10:9-11 (NKJV)

The next day, as they (Cornelius' band) went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

Acts 10:44-48 (NKJV)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision (Jewish believers) who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

There are no 2nd class Christians, but there are no 1st class sinners either. You may be a good person, but you're still a sinner in need of a Savior.

Everyone needs Jesus.

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Acts 10:12-14 (NKJV)

In it (the trance) were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” But Peter said, “Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.”

Peter had a bad habit of telling Jesus, “No!” (Matthew 16:22; John 13:8).

Do we see God as a God of limitations or a limitless, all-powerful God?

Acts 10:15-16 (NKJV)

And a voice spoke to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.” This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Acts 10:19 (NKJV)

While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.”

Acts 10:23-27 (NKJV)

Then he (Peter) invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now **Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.**

Peter's heart was already changing; he would never have invited them in to spend the night before.

Acts 10:25-27 (NKJV)

As Peter was coming in, **Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.** But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.” And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

Acts 10:28-29 (NKJV)

Then he (Peter) said to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But **God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore I came** without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?”

This chapter is more about the conversion of Peter than the conversion of Cornelius.

Romans 14:14a (NKJV) Paul wrote:

I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself...

Acts 10:34-36, 38 (NKJV)

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that **God shows no partiality.** But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

Christianity was the first religion to disregard racial, cultural, and national limitations.

Acts 10:39-43 (NKJV) Peter continues:

And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.