

Acts 10 – The teaching of the house of Cornelius

I. Cornelius receives a vision – 10:1-8

- A. Cornelius a “good” man
 - 1. Devout
 - 2. Feared God
 - 3. Gave alms generously
 - 4. Prayed to God always
- B. Angel directs Cornelius to send for Peter
 - 1. His prayers and alms had been noticed as a memorial
 - 2. Send for Peter; he will tell you what you must do

II. Peter receives a vision regarding the clean and unclean – 10:9-23

- A. The vision:
 - 1. An object like a great sheet descends from Heaven
 - 2. In it were unclean animals
 - 3. A voice tells Peter to kill and eat
 - 4. Peter responds that he had never eaten anything unclean
 - 5. A voice tells him “*What God has cleansed you must not call common*”.
 - 6. This happens three times
- B. As Peter considers the meaning of this vision, the men come from Cornelius inquiring of Peter
- C. Peter, some brethren, and the men sent by Cornelius depart for Caesarea

III. Peter preaches the Gospel to the house of Cornelius – 10:24-48

- A. Peter had figured out the meaning of the vision, v.28
- B. Cornelius and his house were seeking the truth, v.30-33
- C. Peter’s sermon:
 - 1. Cornelius had heard something regarding the word of God, v.36-37
 - 2. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, v.37-41
 - 3. Peter and others were witnesses, sent to preach, v.39, 42-43
- D. Cornelius and the rest of his house receive the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues
- E. As a result of this, no man can forbid water that Cornelius and his house should not be baptized – therefore Cornelius and his house are baptized into the body of Christ

Questions for Acts 10:

1. In what way did Cornelius' prayers and alms go up as a memorial before God in verse 4? Consider v.31 as well.
2. What application can be made about Cornelius being such a good man, yet needing to hear the truth?
3. What was the main purpose of Peter's vision? What secondary application can be made?
4. What application can be made from Peter's words in vs.26?
5. Why did Cornelius and his house receive the Holy Spirit? What miraculous gift(s) did they receive? Does this in anyway suggest that the Holy Spirit must come upon us in order to be saved? Why or why not?