



The Inclusion Of The Gentiles Acts 10

Introduction

Another “Biblical milestone” is achieved. Long ago, God promised salvation through the Seed for all nations (**Gen. 12:3**). Through the centuries, prophets continued to point to this. Jesus’ death on the cross certainly “closed the gap” between Jews & Gentiles (**Eph. 2:11-16**). But it is not until the events recorded in this chapter that the N.T. kingdom finally has Gentile members.

The Salvation Of Cornelius (10:1-48)

- 1) Who is described in **vv. 1-2**? Yet, what was his “spiritual” condition? (**cp. 11:14**)
Thought question: what does such a “description” teach about “good people” & their salvation?

- 2) *Thought question:* how can we harmonize this account and other passages that address lost people and prayer?

- 3) What instructions did God have for Cornelius? (**vv. 3-6**) How did he comply? (**vv. 7-8**)

- 4) What is Peter doing in Joppa? (**v. 9**) What happens in **vv. 10-13**? What was his reply? (**v. 14**)
What was God’s response? (**vv. 15-16**)

- 5) What did Peter think about this vision? (**v. 17a**) What happens while he pondered? (**vv. 17b-18**)
What “help” did God give the situation? (**vv. 19-20**)

The Two Treatises

Lesson 34

- 6) What did Peter do? (v. 21) What was he told? (v. 22) What happened next? (v. 23)

- 7) How is Cornelius described in v. 24? What did he do when Peter arrived, and what did the apostle think about such actions? (vv. 25-26)

- 8) What did Peter find in v. 27? How does he now make sense of the vision that had earlier perplexed him? (vv. 28-29; cp. v. 17)

- 9) What does Cornelius relay to Peter? (vv. 30-32) What is Cornelius' attitude? (v. 33)

- 10) How does Peter begin his teaching? (vv. 34-35) What points does he make? (vv. 36-43)
Thought question: are there any similarities/differences from his earlier preaching?

- 11) What happens while Peter is speaking? (vv. 44-45) What resulted? (v. 46) What is the important point God was making? How does what happened in Caesarea differ from what happened earlier in Samaria? (cp. 8:14-17)

- 12) Despite the baptism of the Holy Spirit, what was still lacking? (v. 47) What were Peter's words to address this need? (v. 48)