

# SALVATION FOR EVERYONE

## Acts 10:1-11:3

### Introduction

In today's Scripture, we will see the first Gentile conversion to Christianity. But in order for Gentiles to be incorporated into the Christian fellowship, things would have to change. A new paradigm would need to be adopted. Jews and Gentiles would have to relate to each other differently. The definition of what it means to be God's child would have to change. Watch how God changes the thinking of Peter and the other believers so that these new Gentile converts can be accepted into the Kingdom and the church.

### Scripture for study

Message text- Acts 10:1-11:3

OT predictions of Gentile salvation- Isaiah 49:6, Joel 2:28,29,32

God will be found- Jeremiah 29:13

Salvation for everyone- Romans 10:12-13

Jesus the only way- John 14:6

Life is in Jesus- I John 5:12

### Message Outline

Four areas of change God addressed...

- 1. The qualifications to enter God's Kingdom**
- 2. Who God accepts**
- 3. How to enter God's Kingdom**
- 4. The definition of major and minor**

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. How do modern day Christians take their faith for granted?
2. Discuss what life must have been like for a Gentile before salvation was offered to them. Do you think they believed God loved them? Why or why not?
3. Based on the information you know about Cornelius from these verses, what kind of man do you judge him to be?
4. Many people mistakenly think that heaven is achieved by many ways. What are some ways you've seen or heard? Why do you think people believe these will work?
5. Pastor George talked in his sermon about the need to hold loosely to the minor things and tightly to the major things. How can we tell the difference between what's major and what's minor?
6. Discuss how confusing these changes must have been to Peter, who was taught differently from birth. If God made a similar decision today and asked you to change some of your foundational beliefs, how would you react?

## **Review and Reflection**

There are several important takeaways from this story, but here's my vote for the most important of all: There is no other way to God except through faith in Jesus. Doing good deeds won't save you. Coming to church every Sunday and giving lots of money won't save you. Knowledge and understanding won't save you. Being a good person with a good, kind heart will not gain you entrance to heaven. The one and only way to salvation is by surrendering your life to the authority and control of Jesus Christ, accepting His forgiveness, and believing that He is God's Son.