

The Foundation of the Church: "Built for the Nations"
Acts 9:32-10:48
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Main Idea: Jesus is building his church to bring life to the nations.

I. Jesus brings life. (9:32-43)

A. To those near death. (9:32-35)

B. To the dead. (9:36-43)

II. To the nations. (10)

A. A hopeful vision. (10:1-8)

B. A puzzling vision. (10:9-16)

C. Jerusalem meets Rome. (10:17-43)

D. The Spirit welcomes the nations. (10:44-46)

E. The church welcomes the nations. (10:47-48)

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. Acts 9:32-43 relates two stories of the life-giving power of Jesus. How are healing stories like these meant to encourage us today?
2. Under the Old Covenant, God's people were distinguished from the world not only by their character but by their cultural practices (diet, clothes, etc). According to Acts 10 (especially verses 34-48), what distinguishes the people of God in the New Covenant?
3. Read Genesis 12:3, Psalm 67, and Revelation 5:9-10. In your own words, how would you describe God's plan for the nations?
4. What does Acts 10 teach us about how we as Christians should think about the nations?