



Acts	Acts 10:28-29	Mark
Acts 9:31	Acts 10:34-36	Mark 5:40 (Peter mirroring Jesus' actions when raising Jairus' daughter)
Acts 9:32	Acts 10:42-48	
Acts 9:35	Acts 11:18	Ephesians
Acts 9:40	Leviticus	Ephesians 3 (Reference to the "dividing wall of hostility")
Acts 9:43	Leviticus 11 (Reference to tanners and ceremonial uncleanness)	
Acts 10:11-15		
Acts 10:17		

Sermon Title: ACTIONs Week 6 - *The Privilege of Repenting*

Key Text: Acts 11:18 – *"We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."*

I. Living in the Fear of the Lord

Text: Acts 9:31 – *"...the church... became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord..."*

- A. Understanding the Fear of the Lord
 - *Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...*
 - *Psalms 111:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...*
- B. Reverence and Awe for God's Holiness
 - The early church thrived because they recognized God's power and responded with reverence.

- Application: Living in the fear of the Lord brings spiritual growth, boldness, and peace.
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II. Miracles that Point to the Power of God

Text: Acts 9:32-35 – “...the whole population of Lydda and Sharon saw Aeneas walking around, and they turned to the Lord.”

- A. The Healing of Aeneas

- Aeneas had been paralyzed for 8 years.
- Peter declared, *“Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat.”*
- Result: Aeneas’ healing led many to faith.

- B. The Raising of Tabitha (Dorcas)

Text: Acts 9:40 – “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes!

- Tabitha was a known believer, loved for her acts of kindness.
- Peter mirrored Jesus’ example when raising Jairus’ daughter (*Mark 5:40*).
- Result: Many more believed because of her resurrection.

Key Point: Miracles create opportunities to testify to God’s power — we must be willing to share what God has done.

III. Peter’s Vision: Breaking Barriers

Text: Acts 10:11-15 – “Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.”

- A. God’s Preparation for Inclusion

- Peter’s vision revealed that the Gospel was for all people — Jew and Gentile alike.
- Cornelius, a “good man” by Roman standards, still needed the Gospel.

- B. Peter’s Boldness to Obey

- Peter acknowledged his past bias but obeyed God’s command.
- Acts 10:28 – *“God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean.”*

- C. The Holy Spirit’s Confirmation

Text: Acts 10:44-48 – “...the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening...”

- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles confirmed God’s plan to save all who believe.
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IV. The Power of Repentance

Text: Acts 11:18 – “...God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting...”

- **A. Repentance is a Privilege**
 - Salvation isn't limited by nationality, background, or social status.
 - The Gospel is an invitation extended to everyone.
 - **B. Embracing the Call to Testify**
 - Peter didn't rely on copying Jesus' methods — he trusted in the power of Jesus.
 - We, too, must be willing to trust God's leading and share the Gospel boldly.
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Conclusion: Trusting God's Sovereignty

- **Acts 9:43** – Peter stayed with Simon the Tanner, showing his willingness to embrace what God was revealing.
- Just like Peter, we may find ourselves in unexpected places, yet God is always at work preparing us to minister to those around us.
- **Call to Action:** Embrace the privilege of repentance — both for yourself and as a message to share with others.

Closing Scripture: Acts 11:18 – *"When they heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God."*