

The Book of
ACTS

A NEW BREAKTHROUGH! (Part 2)
(Acts 10)

Outline of the Book of Acts (Timeline):

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30 AD. (Acts 1): Jesus Christ crucified, buried, & Risen! Appears to more than 500, instructs the disciples, and ascends to heaven.

(Acts 2): The Holy Spirit comes & 3000 people are saved!

31 AD. (Acts 3-4): The lame man healed at the temple gate; the church in Jerusalem grows to 8000; Peter & John testify of Jesus before the Jewish Sanhedrin.

32 AD. (Acts 5): Ananias & Saphira judged by God; many people healed and demons cast out; the Apostles imprisoned again and miraculously set free.

33 AD. (Acts 6-7): First deacons chosen in the church to deal with a problem; many Jewish priests are saved; Stephen's ministry leads to his martyrdom.

34 AD. (Acts 8): Persecution breaks out against the church in Jerusalem lead by Saul of Tarsus; the church is scattered but goes preaching the word; Philip the Deacon takes the Gospel to Samaria and many are saved.

35-37 AD. (Acts 9): Saul (Paul) meets Jesus on the road to Damascus and surrenders in salvation! He begins to spread the Gospel.

37-40 AD. (Acts 9:32—10:48): Peter ministers in Lydda and Joppa. Cornelius, the first fully Gentile convert saved in Caesarea!

I. A NEW BREAKTHROUGH!

A. WHO IS CORNELIUS?

1. Roman Military Leader—He was described as a “devout” man and one who feared God; he gave and prayed regularly.

B. THE ROLE & SACRIFICE OF PRAYER & GIVING:

C. _____ BREAKTHROUGH:

1. Just a note: This moment is happening 7-10 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This means that Peter had been walking with Jesus for a minimum of 9 years including the time of following Jesus while He was on earth.
2. The Jews were holy, called to be set apart from the nations around them. (see Leviticus 19:2 and 1 Peter 1:16—“Be holy, for I am holy.”)
3. The Jewish people had found their identity in not eating like, not acting like, not dressing like, etc the lost Gentile people around them.
4. But now God is ready to grow Peter in this area of his life; however, when the vision comes, Peter bows up.
5. God repeats the vision 3 times so it is confirmed.
6. Notice in verses 17-23, the Holy Spirit clearly speaks to Peter and guides him.

D. BEING MORAL DOES NOT _____!

1. If Cornelius was already such a good man, why did he need Peter's words?
2. You can't be made right with God, your sins can't be forgiven, and you can't be made whole without the Gospel. It is only the sacrifice of Jesus that makes anyone right with God.
3. See verses 25-26. Notice that Cornelius has a wrong view of Peter and a misplaced worship.
4. In 10:44, before Peter can finish preaching, the Holy Spirit falls and Cornelius and his family begin to magnify God.

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5. VERY IMPORTANT! A sign that you belong to God is that you have received the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:9**—“**Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**”

II. APPLICATON