

Energized for Mission - NO Favorites, Only Jesus

Acts 10:1-48

Acts 10 marked a big moment in the life of Christ's Church. _____ were welcomed into the Body of Christ, not just by some rogue _____, but by the closest companion of Jesus and chief Apostle: _____. It's a day God showed he has no _____. Or we could say, it's the day God invited _____ to the party.

God's people had been required to follow a variety of _____, including strict dietary laws. Gentiles didn't follow those rules and so Jews were required to stay _____ by staying away. But then the Messiah showed up. Then a vision, an angel, a day's journey, and a divine revelation, "*Truly I understand that God shows no _____... everyone who believes in him [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*" (Acts 10:34,43)

In other words, there are no _____ in God's Kingdom, only _____.

No favorites. Not even _____! God noticed his prayers and generosity, but it wasn't _____. Cornelius, and his household, still lacked one thing: Jesus. So, God orchestrated an elaborate _____ to bring Cornelius and his household to faith in Jesus. There's no "good enough" apart from Christ. Mission _____!

No favorites. Not even _____, as a member of God's _____ nation, who had followed the Mosaic Law his entire life, had done enough. Jesus came and called him to follow him and watch him die and rise. Then, "Rise! Kill! _____!" There's no "_____ than" in the Kingdom of God. All are one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28) The mission is _____ everyone and the mission is _____ everyone.

No favorites. Not even _____, in this sense. God did not spare his own Son (Rom 8:32) the _____ of this world or the penalty sin has earned. He gave Him up for us ALL. The _____ of sin was shared with Jesus so that the _____ of his perfect life, perfect sacrifice, and subsequent victory could be shared with ALL who _____ in Him. Even those whose homes you dared not enter and meals you dared not share previously.

This should _____ us in mission. We _____ need Jesus!

This should also light a _____ in us. We. ALL. _____. JESUS.

There is no _____ equal to the good Jesus accomplished.

There is no sin, _____, or uncleanness that can overcome the _____ of Jesus.

How is the Holy Spirit revealing where you may be trusting in yourself or your good works like Cornelius and Peter?

How is the Holy Spirit revealing a sense of superiority in your heart?

How is the Holy Spirit revealing a sense of unworthiness in your heart?

How is the Holy Spirit leading you to share Jesus with someone you may have felt didn't need it?

What are you going to DO to share what Jesus has DONE with someone in your life this week?