

Acts: God's Vision for Cornelius

Acts 10:1-8

Introduction

Just as God is preparing Saul and Peter to proclaim the gospel, God is preparing the Gentiles to receive the gospel. This is illustrated through Cornelius.

I. The assumptions for salvation (1-2)

Don't assume who can receive salvation or not

- A. There was a man named Cornelius – Tradition (1)
- B. Lived in Caesarea – Location (1)
- C. Worked as a centurion – Vocation (1)
- D. Feared God – Appreciation (2)
- E. Gave alms generously – Contribution (2)
- F. Prayed continually – Interaction (2)

II. The preparation for salvation (3-6)

Do presume God is always preparing hearts for salvation

- A. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision – He wants to talk to God (3)
- B. What is it, Lord? – He wants to listen to God (4-5)

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III. The devotion for salvation (7-8)

As much as God prepares, he will not force salvation

- A. When the angel... had departed... he called his servants... he sent them – God desires a response from the receiver (7-8)
- B. He sent them to Joppa – God desires a response from the messenger (8)

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