

# ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

## Lesson 18

**Review:** *We've examined why a man seemingly as good and devoted as Cornelius was, still needed to be saved. Less clear was why God chose Peter to be the one to witness, rather than the more likely possibilities of Paul or Phillip.*

### I. God's Ability To Work Through Us Doesn't Mean He Is Through Working In Us

- A) We were created/saved to perform certain WORKS - Eph. 2:8-10
- B) Who we are or what we've done doesn't COMPLETE US - Phil. 3:12-14
- C) His work in us will be completed at His COMING - Phil. 1:6

### II. God's Work In Us Is Often Preceded By His Word To Us - Acts 10:9-22

- A) God speaks thru His WORD - vs. 13-16
- B) God speaks thru His SPIRIT - vs. 17-20
- C) God speaks thru His PROVIDENCES - vs. 21-22

### III. Peter Is More Aware What God Is Doing In Him Than Through Him - Acts 10:23-48

- A) God is confronting his PREJUDICES - vs. 23-34
  - 1) Based on the history of our PEOPLE - Jonah
  - 2) Based on the experiences of our PAST - Luke 22-23
  - 3) Based on a present general PERCEPTION - Acts 10:28-29
- B) God is confronting his PRESUMPTIONS - Acts 10:35-48
  - 1) That Gentiles couldn't have the same STANDING
  - 2) That Gentiles couldn't receive the same SPIRIT

### IV. God's Work In Us Allows Him To Work The Same Work In Others - Acts 11:1-18

- A) Peter has the advantage of AUTHORITY - vs. 1-3
- B) Peter has the advantage of WITNESSES - vs. 12
- C) Peter has the advantage of TESTIMONY - vs. 13-17
- D) Peter has the advantage of God's POWER - vs. 18