

The Salvation of a Good Man





Acts 10:1-8

What Kind of Man Was Cornelius?

- ***Devout:*** pious, dutiful (Acts 22:12; II Pet. 2:9).
- ***God fearing:*** A gentile who worshipped the God of Israel (Eccl. 12:13; Prov. 1:7; Lk. 1:50; Rom. 3:18)
- ***Lead his household:*** (Gen. 18:19; Eph. 6:4)
- ***Charitable:*** (Acts 9:36)
- ***Prayed regularly:*** (I Thess. 5:17; Matt. 7:7-8)
- ***Just:*** Did what was right. (Matt. 1:19; Jn. 7:24)
- ***A good reputation:*** (Rom. 2:17-24)
- ***Is warned by God's angel.*** (Acts 10:3-6)
- ***A diligent seeker:*** (Heb. 11:6)
- ***A sinner:*** (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)



The Kingdom of Herod the Great

-  Boundary of Herod's kingdom
-  Other boundaries
-  Cities of the Decapolis
-  Fortresses



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God Sends Peter To Cornelius



- Through a series of supernatural events Peter concludes that he is to go to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile and preach the gospel to him.
 - The vision (10:9-16);
 - the words of the Spirit (10:19-21);
 - learning of the angels words to Cornelius (10:30-33);
 - the baptism of the Holy Spirit (10:44-48; cf. vv. 34-35)
- For what purpose was Peter sent to Cornelius?
 - To tell him what he ought to do. (10:6; 9:36; 2:37-37)
 - To hear words from him. (10:22)
 - To tell him words in order that he might be saved. (11:14)
 - Cornelius needed to hear and obey the saving message of the gospel. (Rom. 1:16-18; I Cor. 1:18)

What Did Peter Preach To Cornelius?

- ³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,
- ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
- ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),
- ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:
- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,

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- ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,
- ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
- ...Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”
- ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- ^{11:18} When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (cf. Acts 15:11)