

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 60--Acts 10

Introduction: In this lesson we see a new turn in the spread of the gospel. For the first time the gospel is proclaimed to Gentiles who had not become proselytes to the Jewish faith. In Cornelius' conversion God was making known once for all time that the wall between Jew and Gentile was being broken down as both were cleansed and reconciled to God in one body by faith in the cross (Eph. 2:14-16)..

Lesson aim: To show how God opened up the door of salvation to the Gentiles.

God reveals to both Cornelius and Peter the possibility of Gentiles hearing the gospel--Ac. 10:1-23a

1. Define the descriptions given of Cornelius in 10:1-2. Can a man be all these things and still be lost? (Cf. 11:13-14)
2. What feature of Cornelius makes his conversion particularly noteworthy? Had Gentiles been saved before this? (Explain your answer.)
3. What relationship did Jews heretofore have with Gentiles? Why?
4. What was God saying to Peter in the vision about foods? (cf. v.28)

The gospel is preached to Cornelius and to his family and friends--Ac. 10:23b-48

1. How did Cornelius prepare for Peter's arrival?

