

Acceptance: The End of Pride and Prejudice
Acts 10 (various verses)
(Study of Acts #10)
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Acceptance from three perspectives

- 1) Many People are like Cornelius
 - a) Religious but **lost** - verse 2
 - b) Seeking but **not saved** - chapter 11:13-14
 - c) Eager but still **waiting** – Acts 10:24: Acts 1:8
- 2) Many Christians are like Peter
 - a) Saved but **segregated** by pride Acts 10:15;28
 - b) Serving God but **slowed** by prejudice (Ephesians 2:11-13)
 - i) Walls of **sectarianism** must fall
 - ii) Walls of **racism** must fall
 - iii) Walls of **favoritism** must fall
 - iv) Walls of **protectionism** must fall
- 3) God knows and loves them both:
 - a) God is **partial** to no one – 10:34
 - b) God will **accept** everyone – 10:35
 - c) God is **calling** to each one – 2:39 (Titus 2:11)
 - d) God will **save** anyone – (who believes) 10:43-44

What should we do? **Accept** everyone; **Except** no one; **Respect** everyone; **Reject** no one. Do it intentionally.

Versus

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- Isaiah 45:22 “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.
- Isaiah 55:1 “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
- John 7:37 On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and

drink. ³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

- Romans 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “*whoever calls* on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.