

The Vision of Cornelius

Acts 10:1-8

Introduction

Matthew 16:18-19

Peter used "*the keys of the kingdom*" to open the doors of the kingdom

Acts 14:27

God's plan of salvation includes the Gentiles! Jews and Gentiles would now become one man in Christ!

Deuteronomy 32:21

Isaiah 65:1

Isaiah 55:5

Ephesians 2:11-17

Romans 9:22-26

Romans 10:17-20

Romans 11:11, 13-14

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:10

- I. The *Description* of Cornelius (vv1-2)
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I. The Description of Cornelius (vv1-2)

"*Caesarea*"

"Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen") and they proved to be a ready field for spiritual harvest."
Acts 13:16

"*centurion*"

"*Italian Cohort*"

"*devout*" 'reverent, pious'; used only here and in 2 Peter 2:9.

God always responds to *devout* people who sincerely seek Him with their whole heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

“*Devout*” is defined by people who:

1. “feared God”
2. “gave generously”
3. “prayed continually”

Matthew 7:7

God never ignores or hides Himself from those who genuinely seek Him.

II. The Vision of Cornelius (vv3-4)

Salvation is a divine work of grace, but God works through human means.

God had to prepare both Peter (the messenger) and Cornelius (the receiver) with a visionary encounter.

God’s sovereign orchestration and preparation of the message sender and message receiver –

Stephen had a vision; *Saul* had a vision; *Cornelius* had a vision; and *Peter* had a vision.

The Divine Intervention and Intersection of Sender and Receiver

God must grant spiritual sight (*vision/revelation*). In doing so, He prepares both messenger and receiver.

Proverbs 29:18; NASU

"This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." John 6:65

John 1:12-13

John 6:37

John 6:44

Acts 16:14

Acts 13:48-49

1:17-18

III. The Instruction of Cornelius (vv5-6)

IV. The Obedience of Cornelius (vv7-8)