



Obedience and Sharing the Gospel

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TODAY'S READING: Acts 10

In Acts 10 we are introduced to a devoted, God-fearing, humble, praying Roman soldier named Cornelius. God was pleased with his stewardship and prayer life. So God sent an angel who encouraged Cornelius to find Peter and ask him to come speak to him and his whole household. At the same time God sent a vision to Peter. He told Peter to embrace the new thing he was doing with the gentiles who had witnessed and heard the gospel message from Jesus and the apostles.

In obedience to God's direction, Peter went with the men Cornelius sent. Acts 10:34-35 says, "So Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'" What a change in what they thought about the love of God and the gospel.

Peter preached the good news of peace through Jesus Christ. Then the Holy Spirit fell on the gentiles and the scales were lifted from their eyes. Peter's entourage were astonished that God loved the gentiles as He loved the Jews. Through the power of the spoken word, salvation came to the gentiles and they were baptized in Jesus' name.

Peter needed to be convicted about sowing favoritism, just as we need to be convicted of our fear, ignorance, partiality, and prejudices toward people because of their age, skin color, economic standing, and other factors.

Just like Peter, we need to understand that everyone that does not know Jesus as Lord and Savior will spend an eternity in an unbearable place called hell. I think sometimes we do not really believe in a place called hell. For if we did, we would be more concerned about our family, friends, and neighbors.

God knows no favoritism and neither should we. Revelation 7:9 says there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. If heaven looks this way, our church needs to look this way also.

PRAYER: Lord, give us the courage to be bold in our witness of Christ to those we influence.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 8

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