



SERMON NOTES

Acts 10

God Knows

Acts 10:1-2

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Acts 10:1-2 (TLB) *In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer, Cornelius, a captain of an Italian regiment. 2 He was a godly man, deeply reverent, as was his entire household. He gave generously to charity and was a man of prayer.*

1. _____ IS ITS OWN REWARD

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:6 (KJV)

Yes, the world is divided into three groupings. Jew, Gentile or Christian.

1 Corinthians 10:32 (TLB) *So don't be a stumbling block to anyone, whether they are Jews or Gentiles or Christians.*

Acts 10:3-6 (TLB) *While wide awake one afternoon he had a vision—it was about three o'clock—and in this vision he saw an angel of God coming toward him. "Cornelius!" the angel said. 4 Cornelius stared at him in terror. "What do you want, sir?" he asked the angel. And the angel replied, "Your prayers and charities have not gone unnoticed by God! 5 Now send some men to Joppa to find a man named Simon Peter, 6 who is staying with Simon, the tanner, down by the shore, and ask him to come and visit you."*

Two important truths: (1) God uses us to lead others to Christ. (2) Loving God, fearing God and obeying God isn't enough YOU MUST BE SAVED IN CHRIST ALONE!

2. GOD KNOWS YOUR _____

"I know where you live..."

Revelation 2:13a (NIV)

Acts 10:7-9 (TLB) *As soon as the angel was gone, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a godly soldier, one of his personal bodyguard, 8 and told them what had happened and sent them off to Joppa. 9 The next day as they were nearing the city, Peter went up on the flat roof of his house to pray.*

3. THE POWER OF _____

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16b (NLT)

Devout Jews prayed at least three times a day.

Psalm 55:17 (NKJV) Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

Daniel 6:10 (NLT) But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Acts 10:10 (TLB) It was noon and he was hungry, but while lunch was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

Acts 10:11-16 (TLB) He saw the sky open and a great canvas sheet, suspended by its four corners, settle to the ground. 12 In the sheet were all sorts of animals, snakes, and birds [forbidden to the Jews for food]. 13 Then a voice said to him, "Go kill and eat any of them you wish." 14 "Never, Lord," Peter declared, "I have never in all my life eaten such creatures, for they are forbidden by our Jewish laws." 15 The voice spoke again, "Don't contradict God! If he says something is kosher, then it is." 16 The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was pulled up again to heaven.

"There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

Acts 10:17-23 (TLB) Peter was very perplexed. What could the vision mean? What was he supposed to do? Just then the men sent by Cornelius had found the house and were standing outside at the gate, 18 inquiring whether this was the place where Simon Peter lived! 19 Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come to see you. 20 Go down and meet them and go with them. All is well, I have sent them." 21 So Peter went down. "I'm the man you're looking for," he said. "Now what is it you want?" 22 Then they told him about Cornelius the Roman officer, a good and godly man, well thought of by the Jews, and how an angel had instructed him to send for Peter to come and tell him what God wanted him to do. 23 So Peter invited them in and lodged them overnight. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some other believers from Joppa.

ANSWERS:

- 1. GODLINESS**
- 2. ADDRESS**
- 3. PRAYER**