

THE RESURRECTION MOVEMENT

Pt. 6 - Big Door

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Acts 9:32 (NIV)

^[32] As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the saints in Lydda.

Cornelius calls for Peter

Acts 10:1-6 (NIV)

^[1] At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.

^[2] He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.

^[3] One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

^[4] Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

^[5] Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter.

^[6] He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

Peter's Vision

Acts 10:9-10 (NIV)

^[9] About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

^[10] He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

Acts 10:23-29 (NIV)

^[23] ...The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went along.

^[24] The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

^[25] As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.

^[26] But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

^[27] Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

^[28] He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean.

[29] So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

Acts 10:34-36 (NIV)

[34] Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

[35] but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

[36] You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

Acts 10:44-48 (NIV)

[44] While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.

[45] The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.

[46] For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,

[47] "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

[48] So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Peter Explains His Actions

Acts 11:1-4 (NIV)

[1] The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

[2] So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him

[3] and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

[4] Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened:

Acts 11:15-18 (NIV)

[15] "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

[16] Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

[17] So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"

[18] When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."