

ACTS

CHRIST'S MISSION BY HIS SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning, August 16, 2020 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Mission Unimaginable

Message Text: Acts 10:1-22

Introduction:

*Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that **call** upon him.*

1. The Preparation of a _____ (1-8)

A. A Religious _____ (1-2)

NOTE—The Jewish considered Gentiles as *dogs and off limits*.

Acts 10:1-2 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, 2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

CAESAREA—built by Herod the Great in ten years and named in honor of the Roman Cæsar.

CENTURION—a leader of 100 men; a noncommissioned officer, something like our sergeant majors.

ITALIAN BAND— Italian volunteers and were considered the most loyal Roman troops. (Lenski)

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NOTE—Cornelius was a very devoted who feared God, gave generously to the poor and prayed daily.

NOTE—Cornelius was likely a proselyte of the gate; that is, he believed in the God of Judaism and His government, but had not yet taken any of the steps to become a full-fledged proselyte. (Ryrie)

B. A _____ Heart (3-8)

Acts 10:3–8 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. 4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: 6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. 7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; 8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

NINTH HOUR—3pm

QUOTE: Cornelius is an example of a man who lived up to the light which God gave him. While this light was not sufficient to save him, God insured that he was given the additional light of the gospel. —MacDonald

John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

2. The Preparation of the _____ (9-20)

NOTE—Just as God prepared Ananias for Saul and Saul for Ananias (9:10-12), so God would now prepare Peter for Cornelius.

A. A Sensitive _____ (9)

Acts 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

PRAYER—seeking God’s direction

SIXTH HOUR—12:00pm

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always...

NOTE—Jesus had exemplified the need to pray in the midst of busy ministry.

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

B. A Shifted _____ (10-18)

Acts 10:10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

PETER SEES CLEAN AND UNCLEAN ANIMALS TOGETHER.

Acts 10:11-12 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: 12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

NOTE—the Mosaic Law forbade Jewish people to eat any animal that was unclean.

PETER RESISTS THE COMMAND TO EAT.

Acts 10:13-14 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

NOT SO LORD—surely not!

GOD INSTRUCTS PETER IN HIS WILL.

Acts 10:15-16 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Peter...don’t call unclean (off limits) what God has called clean.

Acts 10:17–18 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, 18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

Acts 10:28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

C. Holy Spirit _____ (19-22)

Acts 10:19-22 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and GO with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. 21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? 22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

QUOTE: Obey every prompting of the Holy Spirit of God.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, GO ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Conclusion

Where God is preparing hearts to _____ the Gospel message, He is also preparing lives to _____ the Gospel message.

1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

