

Acts Chapter 10 – Cornelius Conversion 08/03/2025 Questions

- 1. In Acts 10:4 what does the angel's response tell us about how God views Cornelius' prayer and generosity?
- 2. How does Hebrews 6:10 speak to this same issue as well?
- 3. The point was made that, "when God is at work between people, He is working at both ends." Have you ever had someone try to give major direction to your life without God confirming this direction in your heart?
- 4. Peter had a vision about eating unclean animals. Why are those dietary and ceremonial laws of the Old Testament no longer in place for us today? (see Mark 7:19 and Colossians 2:16-17)
- 5. Acts 10:15 states, "What God has cleansed, you must not call unclean." In what way do you think God has cleansed non-Jewish people?
- 6. Why is Peter's statement in Acts 10:28, "God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean," so significant?
- 7. How does this chapter challenge Peter's traditional Jewish views of ritual purity and religious exclusivity?
- 8. In Acts 10:28, Peter told Cornelius, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you." What laws was Peter referring to?
- 9. How did the Jewish customary laws "build a fence" around the original laws of Moses in the Old Testament? Can you give an example when a later Jewish customary law actually goes against the original law from Moses?
- 10. In Acts 10:44 we are told that as Peter was speaking to Cornelius' household, "the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message." How might this moment challenge assumptions about how much information is needed or who is "ready" or "qualified" to receive the Holy Spirit?
- 11. Are there individual people or groups of people today whom you have consciously or unconsciously viewed as "unclean" or outside of God's reach?