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SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD
A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



**CHURCH OF GOD
AT WOODSTOCK**

SABBATH GREETINGS!



IT MAY SOUND CORNY BUT ... PAX DOMINI.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED



THE STORY OF THE CENTURION

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Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,

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SKLEROS PETRA
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PRESENTS
CORNELIUS and the ITALIAN BAND

LIVE ON SYNAGOGUE STAGE SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER SABBATH SUNSET
PLAYING THEIR HITS 'A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES', 'I AM CLEAN', 'NINTH HOUR VISION',
'NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS' AND 'GIFT OF TONGUES'

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WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

Acts 10:2-3 A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. 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.**



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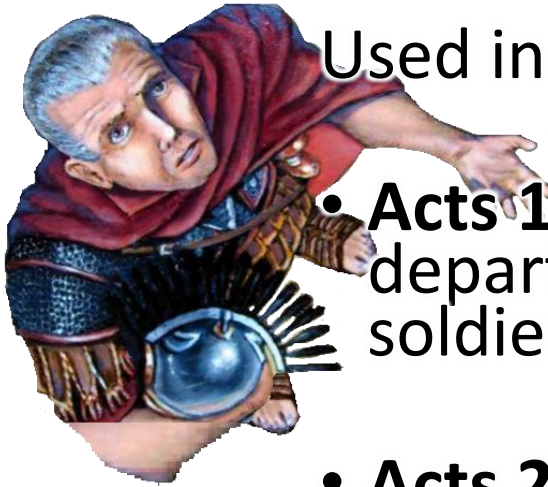


Acts 10:2a *A devout man,....*

- 1.) Corny was DEVOUT= Strong's Greek Dictionary 2152. ευσεβης eusebes *yoo-seb-ace'* from 2095 and 4576; well-reverent, i.e. pious:—devout, godly.

Used in three other places:

- **Acts 10:7** 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;
- **Acts 22:12** And one Ananias, a **devout man** according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*, (A Jewish disciple. This is not the High Priest by the same name Acts 23; nor the other Ananias who was struck dead in Acts 5)
- **2 Peter 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver **the godly** out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

Acts 10:2a,b A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house,

- 2.) He revered/feared God.
 - a.) God singular not gods plural as the Romans were usually inclined to acknowledge many gods (cf. 1 Cor. 8:5-6).



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•2.) He revered/feared God.

b.) Misconception: God-fearer = Jewish proselyte or near-proselyte (It is more than probable that there were Gentiles who were fearers of God, and who maintained his worship according to the light which they had.)

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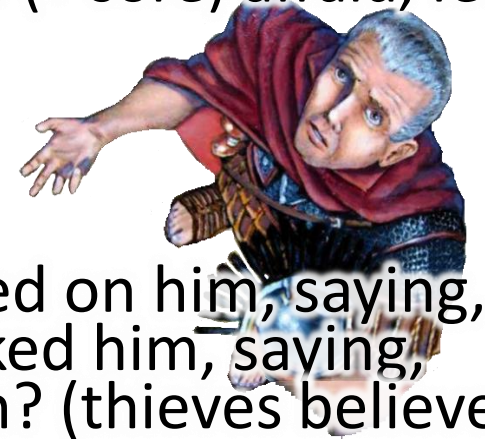


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 - b.) **Misconception: God-fearer = Jewish proselyte or near-proselyte**
- God-fearer From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
- Sardis Synagogue (**3rd century**, Turkey) had a large community of God-fearers and Jews integrated into the Roman civic life.
- **God-fearers** (Greek: φοβούμενος τὸν Θεόν, *Phoboumenos ton Theon*)^[1] or **God-worshippers** (Greek: θεοσεβής, *Theosebés*)^[1] were a numerous **class of gentile sympathizers to Hellenistic Judaism**,^{[2][3][4]} which observed certain Jewish religious rites and traditions **without becoming full converts to Judaism**.^{[2][5][6]} The concept has precedents in the **proselytes** of the Hebrew Bible.
- **Acts 13:16** Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear (phobeos) God (theos) , give audience.
- **Acts 13:26** Men *and* brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, **and whosoever among you feareth God**, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

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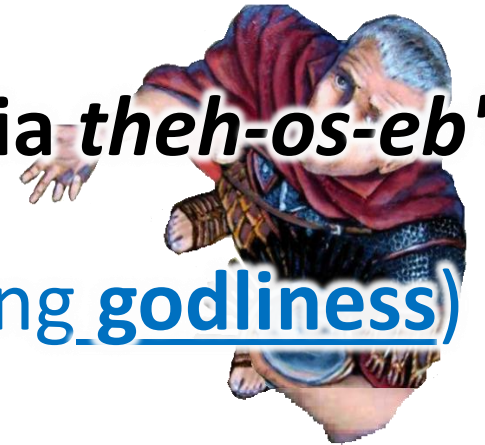
- **2.) He revered/feared God.**
- **Strong's Greek Dictionary 5399.** φοβew **phobeo** *fob-eh'-o* from 5401; to frighten, i.e. (passively) to be alarmed; by analogy, to be in awe of, i.e. revere:—be (+ sore) afraid, fear (exceedingly), reverence.
- Acts 10:2
- **Luke uses the same phrase in**
- **Luke 23:39-40** And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, **If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.** But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou **fear God**, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? (thieves believed to be Jews)
- **Compare: Luke 12:5** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: **Fear him**, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, **Fear him.** (spoken to Jews)
- **Acts 10:34-35** Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: **But in every nation he that feareth him**, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. (Every Nation)



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- John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
- Strong's Greek Dictionary 2317. θεοσεβεια theosebeia *theh-os-eb'-i-ah* from 2318; devoutness, i.e. piety:—godliness.
- 1 Timothy 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.



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- Acts 10:2a A devout *man*, and one that feared God **with all his house,**
- 2.) He revered/feared God.
- c.) He ruled his own house well – his entire house being included as those who ‘fear God’



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

- **Acts 10:2a** A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, **which gave much alms to the people...**

3.) He gave much beneficial support to those of lesser status. **Alms done in secret are honored by God. Matthew 6:3-4** But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.



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- **3.)** He gave much support to those of lesser status-
Large and liberal charity
- **James 1:27** Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, **To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction**, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.
- **Psalm 41:1** To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. **Blessed is he that considereth the poor:** the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

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- **Acts 10:2a** A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, **and prayed to God always.**

4.) Consistent lifestyle of Prayer

- **Romans 12:12** Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; **continuing instant in prayer;**
- **Proverbs 2:3-6** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; **Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.** For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.
- **Acts 12:5** Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- **2 Timothy 1:3** I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day:



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Acts 10:4-6 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. And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.**



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:7-9 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; **And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.** 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:**



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:10-12 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 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: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.



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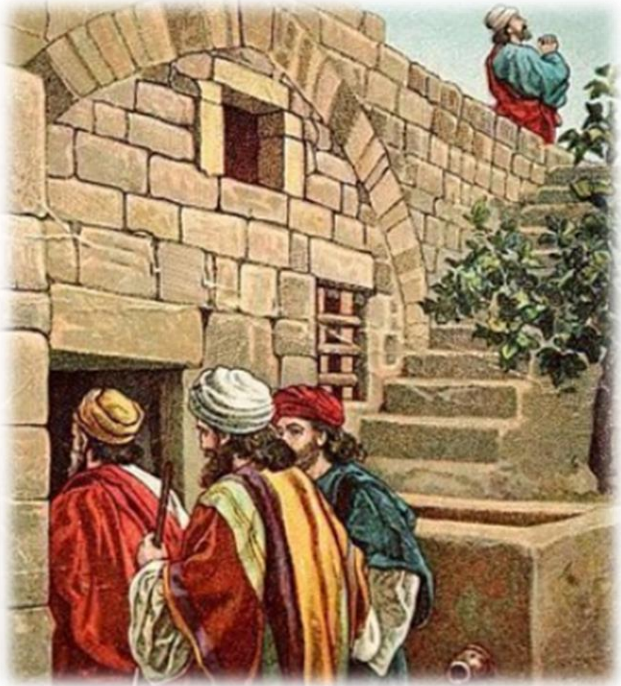
Acts 10:13-16 And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.** But Peter said, **Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.** And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.** This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:17-20 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, And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, **Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**



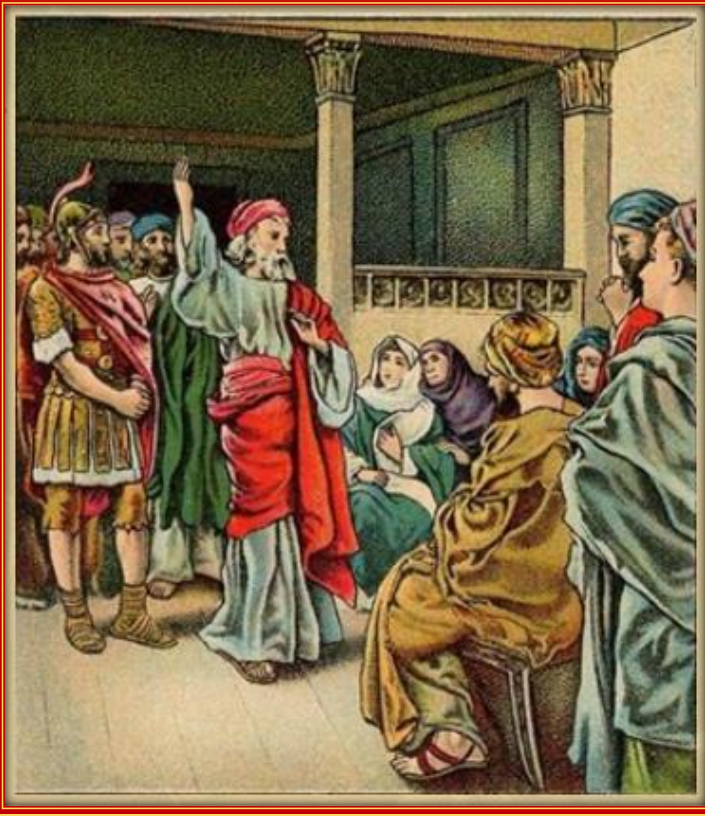
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Acts 10:21-23 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, **Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?** And they said, **Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth 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. Then called he them in, and lodged *them*. And on the morrow **Peter went away with them,** and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.



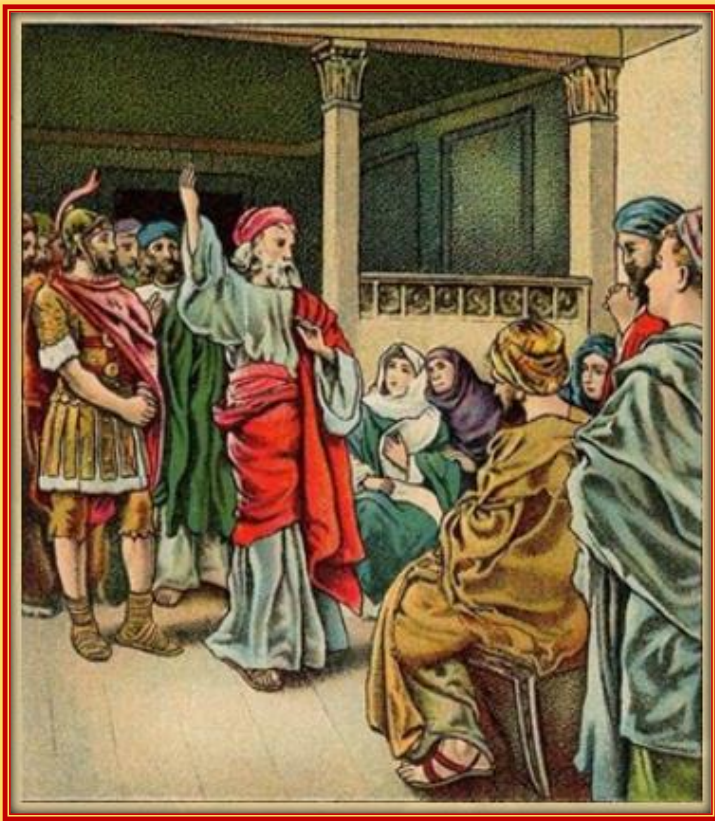
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Acts 10:24-27 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*. But Peter took him up, saying, **Stand up; I myself also am a man.** And as he talked with him, he went in, and found **many that were come together.**

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

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Acts 10:28-29 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. Therefore came I *unto you* **without gainsaying** (promptly), as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

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Acts 10:30-32 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in

bright clothing, And said, **Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither**



Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:33-35 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, **Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.**



WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

Acts 10:36-38 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:39-42 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised



up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 10:43-45 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.



While Peter yet spake these words, the **Holy Ghost** fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision **which believed** were **astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also** was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

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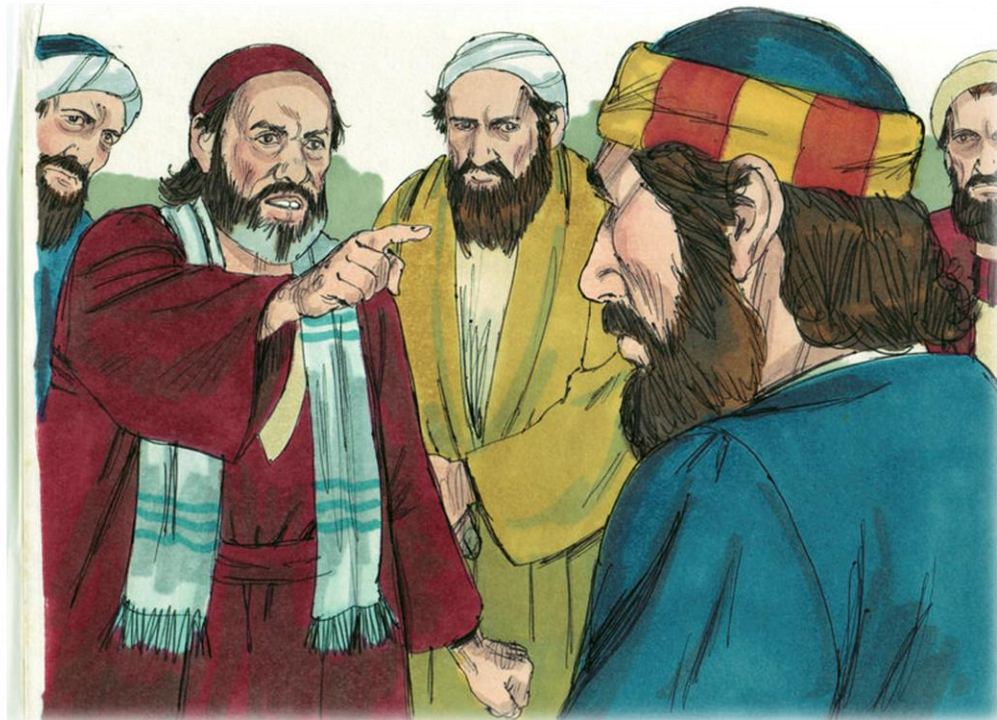
Acts 10:46-48 For they heard them **speak with tongues, and magnify God.** Then answered Peter, **Can any man forbid water, that these should not**



be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them **to be baptized in the name of the Lord.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 11:1-3 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the



circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Acts 11:4-6 But Peter rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it* by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, **I considered, and saw**



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three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

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Acts 11:11-14 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And **the spirit** bade me go with them, **nothing doubting**. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and **we entered into the man's house**: And he shewed us how he had **seen an angel in his house**, which stood and said unto him, **Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.**

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Acts 11:15-18 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Colossians 1:26-27 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSED

Ephesians 3:1-4 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

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Ephesians 3:5-8 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the **Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

WHAT GOD HATH CLEANSSED

A NOT SO CORNY LESSON FROM CORNELIUS

- God reaches those who want to know him
- The gospel is for all people
- There are people everywhere eager to believe
- When we are willing to seek the truth and be obedient to the light God gives us, God will reward us richly.



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