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Acts 10:25-48

### Knocking On Doors Part 2

Who knocked on your door, who's door have you knocked on?

#### PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

V 30, Cornelius was in his house, holding a private devotion.

Vv 34-35, Peter's words were world-view changing. They were like a wrecking ball knocking down Jewish prejudices and indoctrination. Gentile salvation was a doctrine known to the Jews from times of old. In the book of **Genesis 12:3** one reads, "I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on the earth will be blessed through you." Also check out **I Kings 8:41-43**; **Isaiah 56:6-8**; and **Genesis 22:18**.

V 35 Is this salvation by works? Of course not. To do what is right before the Lord is to fear Him, this is to trust Him and reverence Him, no way around this. Abraham believed and it was accounted unto him as righteousness, consider that in the light of **Micah 6:8**, "Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God." CSB.

V 38, the Holy Trinity.

V 44 is often described as the Gentile Pentecost.

Vv 44-45, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard Peter's message. The six circumcised believers were astonished, this was proof positive of the equality of Gentiles with Jews.

Vv 46-48, the sign which God used in this setting to validate the salvation of Gentiles was speaking in tongues. Though uncircumcised, Cornelius and his household were baptized with the Holy Spirit through belief in Jesus Christ. Gentiles grafted in.

"Where Christ is Lord of all, a worldwide witness and a worldwide fellowship of believers free of all cultural prejudice are absolutely imperative." *John B. Polhill*

#### **Application:**

The gospel story, go and tell it on the mountain!