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THE CASE OF CORNELIEUS – ACTS 10

- Cornelius Was A Good Moral Man** “There was a certain man in _____ called Cornelius, a _____ of the band called the _____ band, A devout man, and one that _____ God with all his house, which gave _____ to the people, and prayed to God always.” Ethnically, Cornelius was a _____. After a decade, it is time for Gentiles to be brought in.
- As A Gentile Cornelius Was Doing The Best He Could** (Acts 10:2) “A _____ man, and one that _____ God with _____.” He “gave much _____ to the people, and prayed to God _____.” He was simply doing the best he knew how. Does the Bible say that Cornelius was asking for anything? ____ Was he pleading for deeper faith? ____ Was he seeking entrance into the NT Church with the Jewish brothers? ____ Did he have a hidden agenda? ____
- God Initiated The Action** (V3) “He saw in a _____ evidently about the _____ of the day an _____ of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, _____. And when he looked on him, he was _____, and said, What is it, _____? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a _____ before God.” This reminds one of Saul’s meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. With Cornelius, God was ready to take His eternal plan for mankind (Eph 3:11) a step farther. It is time for the Gentiles to be inducted into the church.
- God Did Not Tell Cornelius How To Be Saved** (V5-6) “And now send men to _____, and call for one _____, whose surname is Peter: He _____ with one Simon a _____, whose house is by the _____: he shall tell thee what thou _____ to do.” Again, this reminds one very much of Saul of Tarsus being told (Acts 9:6) “Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” While receiving the vision, did Cornelius know what to do? ____ In fact, it would be 3+ days before he would fully know. Once again, this reminds us of Saul. (Acts 9:9) “And he was _____ days without _____, and neither did eat nor drink.” God left it to _____ to tell both Cornelius and Saul what to do.
- Peter (a man, a NT Christian) Told Him What To Do** (V25-26) “And as _____ was coming in, Cornelius _____ him, and fell down at his _____, and _____ him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; _____.” The parallel to Ananias and Saul is remarkable. Ananias was a mere man, a simple NT Christian. Ananias told Saul what to do (Acts 22:16). God does not make direct appearances to us to tell us how to be saved. He uses intermediaries (ie: men) who teach those things revealed in the _____.
- Peter Felt That Gentiles Were Unclean** Peter said, “Ye know how that it is an _____ thing for a man that is a _____ to keep company, or come unto one of _____.” Peter’s feelings, in this instance, were based on his religious, yet secular, *culture*. In (Acts 9:13) Ananias was fearful of Saul because of his reputation as a persecutor of the saints. Both Peter and Ananias had to almost instantly overcome intense fear to obey God and teach Cornelius and Saul.