ACTS 10; October 11; The Conversion of Cornelius

ANALYSIS:

1. What four things are told about Cornelius in verse 2 which, taken together, proves God has already given him a new heart?
2. What actions of Cornelius were received by God according to the angel?
3. How did the Lord teach Peter to go into a Gentile's house?
4. After Cornelius gave his testimony to Peter of God's leading, what wa Peter's conclusion?
5. What did God do for the Gentiles, which astonished the Jews who accompanied Peter?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Peter recognized through Cornelius' testimony that the person who fears God and works righteousness is already accepted with God. These spiritual actions are evidence and proof that God has given him a new heart through regeneration. Peter declared the remission of sins for whosoever believed in Jesus. Cornelius and his house believed this good news, and the gift of the Holy Ghost fell on all who heard Peter. Thus the apostles were convinced that God now included Gentiles in the church as an equal with Jewish believers. The apostles baptized them to show they were so recognized. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph 4:5). Cornelius provided a glorious induction of Gentiles into the household of faith!

Are you known as one who fears God and works righteousness? Do you show the fruit of the Spirit in everyday life? Is your first allegiance and priority to please and obey the Lord? What a privilege to be a representative of our Lord and King Jesus on this earth.

HELP:

- 1. Cornelius was a devout man, he feared God, he gave much alms, he prayed always (v 2).
- 2. His prayers and alms are come up as a memorial before God (v 4).
- 3. The Lord repeated a vision three times for Peter to eat unclean creatures (vs 9-16).
- 4. 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 (vs 34-35).
- 5. The pouring out of the Holy Ghost on the Gentiles, with speaking in tongues, astonished the Jews (vs 44-46).