

Good News of Great Joy for All People

Acts 10:23b to 48

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BIG IDEA—It's good news that Jesus saves even good people.

Preface (10:23b – 33)

Cornelius at Peter's feet; Peter points to shared humanity

"But God has shown me" God's **heart** (Rom. 14:17)

Cornelius tells his story . . . so, we are **all** here before God

Message (10:34 – 43)

³⁴ Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism, ³⁵ but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

(on God's impartiality: Deut. 10:17; 2Chron. 19:7; Job 34:19; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1Pet. 1:17)

The gospel is good news, not good **advice**

Peace is offered to **all**, including Gentiles (Rom. 10:12)

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD OF ALL

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth w/ the Holy Spirit *and* power

He did good and undid the devil's work; God was with him

He was killed **shamefully** (Gal. 3:13)

He was raised **honorably** (Heb. 2:9)

He was seen **visibly** (Acts 1:3)

He is the **judge** of **all**, the living and the dead

Forgiveness of sins is for **all** who **believe** in His name

Conclusion (10:44 – 48)

The Holy Spirit came on "**all** who heard the message"

Peter's Jewish friends were **astonished**

Cornelius' family/friends spoke in tongues and praised God

Gentile **believers** were baptized

There are a lot of pretty and colorful lights on houses and trees at Christmas time. As you enjoy the decorations, think about the true Light of the World = Jesus!

