

# ACTS: By His Spirit

## Acts 10: Included

- ▶ Acts 10:44-46

### CORNELIUS - the hungry outsider

<sup>1</sup>At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. (Acts 10:1)

<sup>2</sup>He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. (Acts 10:2)

<sup>4</sup> . . . The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. (Acts 10:4,5)

### PETER - the hesitant insider

- ▶ Acts 10:10-12

<sup>13</sup>Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." <sup>14</sup>"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." (Acts 10:13,14)

<sup>15</sup>The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." (Acts 10:15)

### If you feel on the outside . . .

- ▶ Risk making a connection

<sup>27</sup>While talking with him [Cornelius], Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. (Acts 10:27)

► See yourself through Christ

<sup>37</sup>You know . . . <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses of everything he [Jesus] did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. (Acts 10:37-40)

**<sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)**

- In Christ, we are . . .
  - Loved
  - Forgiven
  - Changed
  - Blessed
  - Qualified

► Be filled with the Spirit

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

<sup>46</sup>For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. (Acts 10:44-46)