



# CORNELIUS: THE LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE

ACTS 10:30-48

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## 1. Detect \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.30-35)

## 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.36-43)

v.36 – A Message

vv.37-38 – A Message

v.39 – A Message

vv.40-41 – A Message

v.42 – A Message

v.43a – A Message

v.43b – A Message

## 3. Expect \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.44-48)

v.44 – A New

v.45 – A New

vv.46-48 – A New

**Acts 10:30** And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing **31** and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. **32** Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' **33** So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." **34** So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), **37** you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, **40** but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. **43** To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." **44** While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. **45** And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. **46** For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, **47** "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **48** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at [SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org](mailto:SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org).

1. Read **John 6:44**. Describe some of the details of how God orchestrated the circumstances that paved the way for you to come to genuine repentance and faith in Christ.
2. Read **Acts 10:34-43**. Remembering that this a brief scriptural summary of Peter's gospel presentation, and that it was "not finished" because it was "interrupted" by Cornelius' conversion, what component themes in his presentation are you not as conversant in as you ought to be, knowing that you are an ambassador of Christ?
3. Read **Acts 17:22-31**. Contrast the differences in worldview and understanding of Old Testament truth that was brought by the hearers of the two gospel encounters found in Acts 10 and Acts 17. Describe the strategic and distinctive approach Paul uses to compensate for the difference in Acts 17.
4. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. What are some of the most significant and profound changes you have witnessed in knowing a non-Christian who has been transformed by the Holy Spirit's saving work?
5. Read **John 6:35-37; 63-65**. While these statements may provoke some deep theological questions, what is the undeniable surface impact on your heart and emotions when you read these verses as a follower of Christ?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.43-44 & Col.2*

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.45-47 & Col.3*

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.48-49 & Col.4*

**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.50-52 & 1Th.1*

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.53-55 & 1Th.2*

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.56-58 & 1Th.3*

**October 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.59-61 & 1Th.4*

**October 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Is.62-64 & 1Th.5*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 21-19 – **Showing Up for Divine Appointments**

Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Msg. 19-03 – **The Centrality of the Resurrection**

Msg. 21-16 – **Calling People to Repentance**

Msg. 20-37 – **The Fruit-Producing Relationship**

Msg. 19-23 – **The Miraculous Launch of God's Church**

Msg. 04-21 – 04-25 – **Untwisting the Tongues Issue** (a five-part series on 1 Cor.14)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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