

Recap of 9/12/21 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 10:30-38):

1. The measure of the significance of Acts chapter ten can be seen in that Peter is staying at the home of Simon the Tanner, a Jew who was in an unclean profession because of his contact with dead bodies, without protesting. Yet to go into the home of a Gentile took an intervention of God [the vision of the sheets full of clean and unclean animals]. Peter talks about how God had changed his perspective and understanding of the Word.

-“The meaning of the vision is clear...Gentiles are no longer to be treated as impure or second class.” (McGrath)

“The Apostle understood the significance of the vision given to him on the rooftop. He realized that the distinction between clean and unclean foods had an application to human beings, and that contrary to Jewish belief, no people were to be thought of as unclean in the sight of God.”

2. We have seen how Cornelius was religious, moral, lived piously, yet he was lost and needed salvation. The biblical teaching concerning Cornelius puts a lie to statements such as: “one religion is as good as another,” or “all you must do to be saved is to be sincere and live a good life.” If any person could be saved by religion, morality, or philanthropy Cornelius would have been that person yet he was lost and in need of salvation through the name of Jesus Christ (cp. 10:43; 11:14).

3. The Christian life is a life of growing and changing. Peter exemplifies this in his statement of vs. 34, “I now realize.” As we grow, our perception, our outlook, our goals, and our actions change.

-“In these words we have [Peter’s] declaration that the truth had broken in upon him. His words ‘I perceive,’ shows that a new light had come. God was seen as He had never been seen before, and therefore the Gentile was seen as never before.” (G. Campbell Morgan)