

## Acts 10.9-33 - Peter and Cornelius meet

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### Book recommendation

1. The Advocate by Randy Singer

### Next few weeks?

1. 10:34-43
  - a. Peter's gospel message to the Gentiles (outline of the Gospel of Mark?)
2. 10:44-48
  - a. The Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles

### Observation and exposition of Acts 10:1-8

1. Read **Acts 10:9-33** (or **10:1-33**, for context)
2. Observation and exposition
  - a. Discuss where Acts 10 is in the Acts timeline, and the timeline of Acts 10  
**[SLIDES]**
  - b. Peter on the housetop
    - i. "...as they were on their journey..." **[SLIDES]**
    - ii. Houses in first century Judea: flat roofs = very utilitarian
  - c. Peter's vision (**9-16**)
    - i. Whose voice?
    - ii. Unclean foods
      1. **Leviticus 11:1-47; 20:25-26**
      2. Why were certain foods unclean?
      3. **Mark 7:14-23**
      4. "What was implicit in the teaching of Jesus is now made explicit. The clean and unclean provisions of the law were temporary, designed to keep Israel a holy and distinct people, until the time

when Jews and Gentiles could receive the forgiveness of sins and sanctification on the same basis, through faith in Christ...By the time he explains the vision to Cornelius and his household, Peter recognises that he should no longer allow the levitical laws to keep him from associating with Gentiles.” Peterson, 330-331

5. Was the lesson complete for Peter? Not yet.
  - a. See **Galatians 2:11-14**
- iii. The real significance of the vision?
  1. The gospel of Jesus Christ is available to all peoples, not just Jews
- d. Cornelius’s men arrive in Joppa (**17-23**) [SLIDES]
  - i. Peter receives a direct message from the Holy Spirit
  - ii. Why was it okay for Gentiles to stay at Simon’s house, but not the other way around?
    1. Compare **10:28**
    2. Food
- e. Peter and company go to Caesarea and meet Cornelius (**23-29**)
  - i. Peter, six Jewish believers from Joppa (**11:12**), and Cornelius’s three men
  - ii. Cornelius worships Peter
    1. Peter’s response
    2. Compare **Revelation 19:9-10; 22:8-9**
  - iii. Peter’s change of heart towards Gentiles
- f. Cornelius recounts his visit from the angel (**30-33**)
  - i. “...you have been kind enough to come.”
    1. Remember that Cornelius is a Roman centurion, used to commanding others
  - ii. “...we are all here in the presence of God...”
    1. What makes it the presence of God?
      - a. Hearing the message God gave to Peter

### The take-away for us

1. God’s initiative and direction in bringing Peter and Cornelius together
  - a. God’s sovereign timing and plan

### Resources

1. *The Acts of the Apostles*, F. F. Bruce, 1990
2. *The Book of the Acts*, F. F. Bruce, 1988
3. *The Acts of the Apostles*, David G. Peterson
4. *The Message of Acts*, John Stott
5. *The Acts of the Apostles*, Ben Witherington III