



# Acts 29

# Witness

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Acts 10:1-11:18

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# Conversion of Cornelius, a Gentile

## Acts 10:1-11:18

- I. God initiates with Cornelius. 10:1-8
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## God initiates with Cornelius

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, <sup>2</sup> a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.

Acts 10:1-2

## God initiates with Cornelius

<sup>3</sup>About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” <sup>4</sup>And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

<sup>5</sup>And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” <sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, <sup>8</sup>and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.



No one can come to me unless the Father  
who sent me draws him. ...

John 6:44a

## God initiates with Peter.

<sup>9</sup>The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. <sup>10</sup>And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance <sup>11</sup>and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

## God initiates with Peter.

<sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.”

## God initiates with Peter.

<sup>15</sup>And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. <sup>17</sup>Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean,

God initiates with Peter.

<sup>20</sup>Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.”

## God brings a Gentile Pentecost.

<sup>23</sup> ... The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. <sup>24</sup>And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

## God brings a Gentile Pentecost.

<sup>25</sup>When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.”

## God brings a Gentile Pentecost.

<sup>27</sup>And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. <sup>28</sup>And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.



## God brings a Gentile Pentecost.

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said:  
“Truly I understand that God shows no  
partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who  
fears him and does what is right is  
acceptable to him.

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, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.



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