



SERMON NOTES

Acts 10

God's "No Strings" Policy

Acts 10:24-43

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Acts 10:24 (NLT) *They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.*

Communication consists of:

- (1) encoding
- (2) transmission
- (3) decoding

Acts 10:25-26 (NLT) *As Peter entered his home, Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter pulled him up and said, "Stand up! I'm a human being just like you!"*

Acts 10:27-33 (NLT) *So they talked together and went inside, where many others were assembled. 28 Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. 29 So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." 30 Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. 31 He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! 32 Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.' 33 So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you."*

Acts 10:34 (WuestNT) *And Peter, having opened his mouth, said, Of a truth I am in the process of comprehending the fact that God does not show partiality to anyone because of his looks or circumstances.*

1. _____ LOVE

For there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:11 (NKJV)

There is someone I love, even though I don't approve of what he does. There is someone I accept, though some of his thoughts and actions revolt me. There is someone I forgive, though he hurts the people I love the most. That person is me.

--C.S. Lewis

THREE TYPES OF LOVE

(1) Conditional love

(2) Controlling love

(3) Complete love

Acts 10:35-37 (NLT) *In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. 36 This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism.*

2. IT'S _____ TO DO SOME _____

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

Acts 10:39-43 (NLT) *“And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, 41 not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. 43 He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”*

3. IT'S NOT THE _____ IF...

I will say it again: if anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God's curse fall upon him.

Galatians 1:9 (TLB)

The Gospel must include...

- 1. The physical death of Jesus Christ on the cross.**
- 2. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day.**
- 3. The future coming of Jesus Christ when He will judge the living and the dead.**
- 4. The forgiveness of sin and eternal life to all who trust in Jesus Christ.**

Answers

1. IMPARTIAL LOVE

2. IT'S GOOD TO DO SOME GOOD

3. IT'S NOT THE GOSPEL IF...