

**“Those Who Truly Listen & Believe,
Are Truly Forgiven & Filled By God’s Spirit!”**

Acts 10:34-48

Then Peter opened his mouth and Said (Rhema): “In Truth I Perceive that God Shows No Partiality. But in every nation whoever Fears Him and Works Righteousness is Accepted by Him. The Word (Old Testament) which God Sent to the Children of Israel, Preaching Peace through Jesus Christ, He is Lord of All, that Word (The Good News – New Testament) you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the Baptism which John (the Baptist) Preached: how God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power, Who went about doing Good and Healing All who were Oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And We are Witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, Whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God also raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to Witnesses Chosen before by God, even to Us Who ate and drank with Him after He Arose from the Dead. And He Commanded Us to Preach to the people, and to Testify that it is He Who was ordained by God to be Judge of the Living and the Dead. To Him All the Prophets Witness that, through His Name, whoever Believes in Him will Receive Remission of Sins!” While Peter was still speaking these Words (The Good News), the Holy Spirit Fell Upon All those who Heard the Word. And those of the Circumcision Who Believed were astonished (amazed), as many as came with Peter, because the Gift of the Holy Spirit had been Poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, “Can anyone forbid Water, that these should not be Baptized who Have Received the Holy Spirit just as we Have?” And he (Peter) Commanded them to be Baptized in the Name of the Lord. Then They (New Gentile Believers) asked him (Peter) to stay on a few days. Acts 10:34-48 (NKJV)

Let’s Recap From Last Week’s Sermon Entitled:

“Come To God With Open Minds & Hearts To Hear & Receive!”

Q: “What Did Peter Recognize Immediately In The Account Of Cornelius?”

A: Almost Simultaneous Visions Given By God Through An Angel Of God To Cornelius & By The Holy Spirit Of God To Him Concerning The Intention & Plan Of God For The Growth Of His Family – The Church!

NOTE

Now Cornelius’s Request Is Now Given To Peter

At The Exact Same Moment Peter Now Fully Understands God’s Mind & Will!

... So, I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.” ... Acts 10:33

Q: “But What Exactly Did Peter Recognize At That Very Moment?”

A: God Shows No Partiality – He Calls All

& Waits For Each Person To Respond In Blind Faith & True Obedience!

... Then Peter opened his mouth and Said (Rhema):

“In Truth I Perceive that God Shows No Partiality.

But in Every Nation Whoever Fears Him and Works Righteousness is Accepted by Him”...

Acts 10:34-35

NOTE

After This Central Truth Learned By Peter,
He Immediately Preaches The Full Word / The Full Good News
Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!

LET'S REVIEW

Q: "What Is The Full Gospel Of The Good News?"

Church's Evangelical Mission Has Two Main Components

1) Preaching (Proclaiming & Sharing)

The Full Good News – Gospel Of Jesus Christ With The World
Consists Of **7#** Interrelated & Sequential Concepts Of **Full Faith & Truth**

2) Teaching (Educating & Offering)

The Necessary Concepts That Accompany The Proclamation Of The Full Good News
Consists Of **7#** Interrelated & Sequential Concepts Of **Full Salvation & Sanctification**

A) Preaching The Complete Good News Of Full Faith & Truth

1) Christ Has Come & Lived Perfectly Among Us

2) Christ Has Truly Died & Has Truly Risen From The Dead

3) Christ Has Ascended Into Heaven & Makes Constant Intercession For Us All

4) Christ Has Sent His Holy Spirit To Live Within Us & Guide Us Into All Truth

5) Christ Has Entrusted Us With Preaching Repentance & Forgiveness Of Sins In His Name

6) Christ Has Asked Us To Serve Others & Teach Them Everything He Taught Us!

**7) Christ Shall Come Again To Judge The Living & The Dead
& Take Us To Heaven To Live With Him Forever**

B) Teaching (Educating & Offering)

1) Age Of Fulfillment Becomes Reality (Time Of Fulfillment Is Here)

Complete With Signs (Miracles & Wonders)

**2) Ancient Prophecies In The Old Testament Fulfilled By Christ In The New Testament
(With Some Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled Concerning The Last Days)**

3) Proclamation: Preaching & Teaching Of The Good News

4) Call To Repentance In Honor Of Christ's Sacrifice

5) Reception & Forgiveness Of Sins In Christ (Redeemer / Savior)

6) Call To Surrender One's Will To God's Will In Christ (Lord / Master)

7) Call To Holiness & Service In The Name Of Christ

NOTE

See How Many Of These **Preaching & Teaching Points Of The Full Gospel**
You Can Identify In Peter's Message This Morning!

... The **Word (Old Testament)** which **God Sent to the Children of Israel, Preaching Peace through Jesus Christ, He is Lord of All, that Word (The Good News – New Testament)** you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the Baptism which **John (the Baptist) Preached, How God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power, Who went about doing Good and Healing All who were Oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him** ... **Acts 10:36-38**

Let's Look At This Scripture For Clues To Share

1) The Use Of The Old & New Testaments

2) The Use Of Prophets – John The Baptist.

3) The Use Of God's Anointing On A Single Individual – Both Human & Divine.

4) The Use Of The Holy Spirit's Presence & Power – To Heal, Serve, & Set Free!

Q: "Can You Find More Points To Share?"

Let's Continue To Look At Peter's Announcement Of Good News!

"And We are Witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, Whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God also raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to Witnesses Chosen before by God, even to Us Who ate and drank with Him after He Arose from the Dead." ... Acts 10:39-41

Let's Look At This Scripture For Clues To Share

- 1) The Use Of Eyewitness Testimony To The Mighty Acts, Deeds, & Teachings Of Jesus In His Three Year Ministry.
- 2) The Use Of Eyewitness Testimony Linked To Old Testament Prophecy Concerning Christ's Suffering, Crucifixion, & Death.
- 3) The Use Of Eyewitness Testimony To The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ, Including The Reality Of Drinking, Eating, & Conversing With The Risen Lord!

Q: "Can You Find More Points To Share?"

Let's Continue To Look At Peter's Announcement Of Good News!

"And He Commanded Us to Preach to the people, and to Testify that it is He Who was ordained by God to be Judge of the Living and the Dead. To Him All the Prophets Witness that, through His Name, whoever Believes in Him will Receive Remission of Sins!" ... Acts 10:42-43

Let's Look At This Scripture For Clues To Share

- 1) The Use Of A Commandment To: Preach, Teach, & Testify In Order To Fulfill Our Mission & His Mission
- 2) The Use Of Final Judgment Of All People At His Glorious Second Coming As Motivation For Fulfilling Our Mission On Earth!
- 3) The Use Of The Whole Of Scripture (Both OT & NT) To Offer Eternal Life Through God's Grace, Mercy, Repentance, & Forgiveness Of Sins Only In The Name Of Jesus Christ The Lord!

Q: "Can You Find More Points To Share?"

Q: "What Happened Immediately As The Fullness Of The Gospel Was Preached & Taught That Morning Long Ago?"

A: The Holy Spirit Came Upon & Forgave The Sins & Then Entered & Filled All Those Who Believed In Jesus Christ As Their Savior & Lord!

... While Peter was still speaking these **Words (The Good News)**, the **Holy Spirit Fell Upon All those who Heard the Word**. And those of the **Circumcision Who Believed** were astonished (amazed), as many as came with Peter, because the **Gift of the Holy Spirit had been Poured out on the Gentiles also** ... Acts 10:44-45

Q: "What Was The Proof That The Gentiles Had Also Received The Holy Spirit Of God Into Their Hearts?"

A: Their Immediate Reply In Action!

... **For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God** ... Acts 10:46a

Let's Now Return To Peter's Reaction & Words Following This Manifestation Of The Coming Of The Holy Spirit Upon The Gentile Believers!

... Then Peter answered, **"Can anyone forbid Water, that these should not be Baptized who Have Received the Holy Spirit just as we Have?"** And he (Peter) **Commanded them** to be **Baptized in the Name of the Lord** ... Acts 10:46b-48a

Q: "What Was Required According To Peter For These New Believers To Fulfill And Be Accepted Into The Church?"

A: Baptism

- 1) An Outward Sign Of An Inward Action Of God's Grace & Action!
- 2) A Public Declaration & Witness To Jesus Christ As Savior & Lord Of All!

Q: *“Finally, What Else Is Required Of Christians Who Witness A Harvest Of New Souls?”*

A: They Must Remain & Give Of Their Time To Disciple: Teach, Instruct, & Mentor Them!

... Then **They (New Gentile Believers)** asked **him (Peter)** to stay on a few days ... **Acts 10:48b**

*“Let Our Lord Jesus Christ This Week Find Us Faithfully About His Mission:
Preaching & Teaching The Full Gospel Of His Salvation To All We Meet, That:
Those Who Truly Listen & Believe, Might Truly Have Their Sins Forgiven,
& Filled By God’s Holy Spirit, So That They Can Join Us In God’s Eternal Family!”*