



This Changes Everything

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Note:

1. Peter was taking steps of _____. If this wasn't of God, he'd be _____.
2. Cornelius was _____. He had brought all his _____ and _____ to hear what Peter was going to say.
3. Peter did _____ speak of politics, nationality, occupation, etc.
Peter simply shared God's message of _____ and _____.
4. Peter's message:
 - a. God has _____ you, therefore I do as well
 - b. Jesus is the Messiah promised in the _____
 - c. Jesus died on the cross and _____ again (vs40)
 - d. Jesus is the _____ by which our sins are forgiven (vs 43)
5. They believed and were saved even _____ Peter was speaking.
6. They were baptized the _____ day.

The big deal: The _____ God has swung the gates of faith wide open, to _____ that the Jewish Messiah was no longer just he Jewish Messiah, but was now Messiah to all _____, in all locations, regardless of nationality, gender, wealth, or station.

Interestingly, this announcement was made by _____, who had once declared that Jesus was the Christ, the son of the living God. An _____ announcement, of a change in policy, was made by God's representative.

What principles of this story are relevant to our lives today?

1. Peter obeyed God, even when it went _____ everything he had learned growing up.
2. Cornelius, knowing he was about to hear the gospel, gathered **his family and friends**
3. Everything we need to know about Jesus is found right in our _____. (vs 43)
4. Spiritual results come from _____, not initiative.

My Response today:

1. For the believer: Gratitude, Encouragement, Commitment to Obedience
2. For the not yet saved: Consider the message that Peter shared with Cornelius
 - a. We are all sinners (Romans 3:23) , who by our sin, have earned the legal sentence of eternity in Hell (Romans 6:23).
 - b. As an act of love, Jesus came to this Earth as a baby, for the purpose of becoming a _____ for our sin. (Romans 5:8)
 - c. Forgiveness of sin is a **gift** of God, made possible by Jesus death (Romans 6:23), and offered **freely** to anyone and everyone who will accept it (John 3:16).
 - d. Our part is to **call out** to God in response to his offer (Romans 10:13).
 - e. As we call out, we are confessing our belief that Jesus is God, that He did indeed die on the cross specifically for the forgiveness of sin, that He rose from the dead three days later, conquering death and providing life after death to all who believe.

That prayer might sound like this: Dear Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner and I understand that I deserve to be punished in Hell because of it. I also believe that Jesus came to this Earth to die and the cross so that my sins can be forgiven. I know that Jesus rose from the dead, and proved who he was and that he message was genuine. So I accept your gift of forgiveness, and declare that I recognize you and my LORD and Savior. You are my God and I will follow you as long as I live. Thank you for forgiving me.