



# Our attention turns to Peter – IN A BIG WAY

## Acts 10

### Where we left off last week:

1. Acts 9:31 “The church enjoyed a **time of peace** ... was **strengthened**, ... and **increased in numbers**.
2. Acts 9:32-35 Peter healed a paralyzed man by commanding him to rise and walk, **much like Jesus had done**.
3. Acts 9:36-43 Peter raised Dorcas from the dead **after praying for God’s will**.

### We said that:

1. Most likely this was happening with \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles.
2. The work in the Jerusalem was being transferred to \_\_\_\_\_.

### We still must say that:

1. This fits \_\_\_\_\_ w/ Jesus’ words in Acts 1:8
2. This fits \_\_\_\_\_ with the role of an apostle
3. God is going to use this time of peace to make His next really big **transitional** move.

### Context

1. \_\_\_\_\_ instructed Jews to be **different and separate** from the rest of the world.  
He did this to create a people who **bore His identity** and **attracted others** through it.  
(ceremony, dietary laws, circumcision, bloodlines)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ took things **way too far** and created an identity that \_\_\_\_\_ most people away from their nation and their God.  
(no shared space, no shared food, no shared commerce/business)
3. The Jews were fully \_\_\_\_\_ towards the gentiles & vice versa.
4. This was a problem because as much as the Nation of Israel was to be exclusive, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new covenant is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Acts 10: 1-8

### Cornelius was:

1. A Roman commander of \_\_\_\_\_ Soldiers, who worked alongside \_\_\_\_\_ other units just like his to form a \_\_\_\_\_ man cohort, who along with \_\_\_\_\_ other cohorts formed a \_\_\_\_\_ man military unit called a Legion. Caesarea had \_\_\_\_\_ cohorts, or half a legion of soldiers.
2. “God Fearing” (\_\_\_\_\_, God Fearing, and \_\_\_\_\_)
3. Practiced as much Judaism as he could, and still remain a Roman Soldier:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ generously to those in need
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ to God regularly
  - c. Had his vision at \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ by God to be a part of something great.
  - a. He will become the **first recorded Gentile believer**.
  - b. He, along with Peter, will **remove the division** between Jew and Gentile.
  - c. In doing so, the \_\_\_\_\_ will take its next great leap forward.

### What truths are on display in this first chapter of Cornelius’ and Peter’s story?

1. Even under terrible conditions, God’s truth is \_\_\_\_\_ to sinners.
  - a. Cornelius was Roman
  - b. Jews hated Romans even more than most Gentiles
  - c. His job was to control the locals and promote Roman interests
2. God will reach out to anyone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to find him.
  - a. John 7:17
  - b. Jeremiah 29:13
  - c. Matthew 7:7-9
3. God will do \_\_\_\_\_ to get your attention and give you instruction.
4. We need to **obey** what we know God speaking, **as soon as we hear** God speaking, so that God’s plans can move forward without interference or a slowdown from us.