

Assignments on Acts 10

Read Acts 10 then answer these questions:

1. What man is described beginning in 10:1, where did he live, and what was his occupation? (Think: How was he different from other people converted in Acts? Note 11:1.)

2. List at least 3 characteristics of this man – 10:2.

3. **Define:**

centurion –

alms –

devout –

trance –

4. **Case Study:** Many people believe all sincere, zealous religious people will be saved. Was this man saved or lost (cf. 11:14)? What can we learn from him about this doctrine?

5. What did he see in his vision, and what was he told about his prayers – 10:3,4?

6. List at least two other **passages** showing whether God hears the prayers of sinners. (Think: What can we learn about whether God hears the prayers of sinners?)

7. What instructions did the angel give Cornelius – 10:5-8?

8. Where was Peter? What were his circumstances when he saw his vision – 10:9,10?

9. Describe what he saw and what he was told to do – 10:11-13.

10. How did Peter respond? What reply did he receive – 10:14-16? (Think: Why would Peter respond as he did? Note: As the story proceeds, consider what Peter was supposed to learn.)

11. What happened while Peter was meditating on the vision – 10:17,18? (Think: What can we learn from the fact Peter was perplexed about the meaning of the vision?)

12. Who spoke to Peter next and what did He say – 10:19,20? (Think: What was the purpose of this message and why was it needed?)

13. What did Peter say to Cornelius' messengers – 10:21?

14. How did the messengers describe Cornelius – 10:22?

15. What reasons did the messengers give why Cornelius had sent for Peter?

16. Who accompanied Peter (10:23)? Why did they go (see cross-references)?

17. Who was with Cornelius waiting for Peter, and what can we learn – 10:24?

18. What did Cornelius do when Peter arrived (10:25), and where else in the Bible did similar things happen?

19. How did Peter respond to this act – 10:26?

20. Case Study: What modern religious practice is similar to what Cornelius did here? What can we learn about such a practice?

21. How did Jews usually treat Gentiles – 10:28 (see also cross-references)?

22. Explain the conclusion Peter reached from the revelations he had received? (Think: Did God state this to Peter directly? What does this teach about “necessary inference”?)

23. **Application:** What can we learn regarding relationships between people of different races or nationalities?

24. What did Cornelius say he had been doing when the angel appeared to him, and how did he describe the angel – 10:30-32?

25. Why had the people gathered (10:33), and what lessons can we learn?

26. **Define** “respect of persons” (10:34, KJV – see other translations), and list two other **passages** about it.

27. Who is acceptable to God – 10:35? (Think: What does this prove about the doctrine of salvation by “faith only”?)

28. **Application:** What should we conclude regarding the salvation of Gentiles?

29. What did Jesus preach and to whom was He sent – 10:36? (Think: What is the significance of the expression “Lord of all”?)

30. Where and when was the message preached – 10:37?

31. What work did Jesus do – 10:38? (Think: Who is responsible for disease and oppression?)

32. Where did Jesus do His teaching? How did people treat Him – 10:39?

33. What did God do afterward – 10:40?

34. How are Jesus' appearances described – 10:41? (How were witnesses chosen? What happened when He appeared? Why did God choose these people as witnesses? Cf. vv 39,42.)

35. What responsibility was then given to certain of these witnesses – 10:42?

36. What final evidence did Peter offer to prove who Jesus is – 10:43? (Think: Does v43 prove people are saved by "faith only"? How do you know?)

37. **Special Assignment:** Summarize the evidence for Jesus that Peter presented here, and tell where else this same evidence has been presented in Acts.

38. What happened to listeners as Peter spoke? What were they able to do – 10:44-46?

39. What effect did this have on the Jewish Christians who had come with Peter? (Think: Why would this event have this effect on these people?)

40. What did Peter conclude? What did he command the Gentiles to do – 10:47,48?

41. What purpose had been served by the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles (cf. 11:1-18)? (Think: Were these Gentiles saved when the Holy Spirit fell on them? Could anyone who was not yet saved receive the Holy Spirit? Explain.)

42. **Special Assignment:** List examples we have studied in which people received miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit. Were apostles present each time? What can we learn?