

Equal Opportunity

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Acts 10:17-29

Have you met Cornelius? Much like the centurion mentioned in Matthew 8 cited by Jesus for his great faith, Cornelius was a noble man of high moral and ethical character. Cornelius was in charge of a regiment of about 100 men.

Cornelius was apparently a convert to the Jewish faith, though he did not practice all the rules and regulations of the Jewish faith. We know that he was "devout and God-fearing" (v. 2) a generous giver and a man who "prayed to God regularly" (v. 2).

Cornelius had taken steps toward knowing the true God. In the person of Christ, God had already made steps toward Cornelius. God invited Cornelius to reach out to the apostle Peter, who would give Peter a life-changing message!

God is no respecter of persons; He is a God of equal opportunity. God revealed to Peter that those He had cleansed were made pure, regardless of race, gender, color, or ethnicity. At the foot of the cross we are all equal—children of the King! Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God "rewards those who earnestly seek him."

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