

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Acts 10:23-48
Singing: 200:1-4 – 40:5-6 – 235:1-3 – 125:1-2, 7 – 415:7, 10

- A. Acts 10 is a threshold: God extends His Church *across Jewish boundary*
1. God prepared Cornelius
 2. God prepared Peter

The Message of the Gospel in Peter's Fifth Sermon

- I. It is God's message to all hearers (vs. 34-35)
- II. It is God's message of peace by Jesus Christ (vs. 36-42)
- III. It is God's message of invitation and assurance (43)
- IV. It is God's message of power to salvation (44)

I. The message of the Gospel is to all hearers

- A. Peter emphasized this with 'Of a truth...' (vs.1-2)
1. Vs. 1: this went against all of Peter's former thinking
 2. Vs. 2: does not teach we can be saved by being a good man

II. It is God's message of peace by Jesus Christ

- A. Peter's summary of the Gospel: *preaching peace by Jesus Christ*
1. Before we consider the **what** of the Gospel *consider who it is preached to*
 - a. who are you in God's sight (Gen. 6:4-5; Rom. 3:9-20)
- B. God's Gospel is *preaching of peace by Jesus Christ*
1. Peter's sums up Who Jesus is (37-42)
 2. God's message through all stages of Jesus' life is *peace to sinners*

III. God's message is an invitation and assurance

- A. Peter's sermon ends with telling us what OT has already told for ages
1. that there is forgiveness with God for **whosoever**

2. that whosoever believes in Jesus Christ is *forgiven*

B. Jesus calls you to place your trust in Him: Rev. 3:30; Is. 55:3; Is. 1:18

IV. It is God's message of power to salvation (44)

A. See Romans 1:16 illustrated in these Gentile hearers of the Gospel

Reflection:

A. There are 'unique elements' to Cornelius conversion, yet the general teaching is the same

1. A man is only saved by faith in Jesus Christ

2. The Gospel is the power of salvation to all that believe

B. What is your response to God's Gospel of peace?