

Acts 10:34-35

Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him."

Conclusions

- **10:28**
 - "...but God has shown me..."
- ▶ 10:34
 - "In truth I perceive..."
- ▶ 10:47
 - "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized..."
- **11:18**
 - "Then God has also granted..."

Why Did Peter Go?

- **10:6**
- **10:22**
- **10:33**
- ▶ 11:14
- Distinguish between what Peter was sent to do and why the Holy Spirit came

The Role of the Holy Spirit in this Conversion

- The Holy Spirit directed a preacher to preach
 - Compare to chapters 8 and 9
- The Holy Spirit came upon the hearers...
 - As Peter began to speak
 - To show God's choosing of the Gentiles

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word"

- Peter "as upon us at the beginning"
 - 6–14 years
- How is this like that in the beginning?
 - The Holy Spirit came upon Cornelius and his household directly from heaven without human intervention
 - Since Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands

Parallel Thoughts

- "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God? (11:17)
- "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life" (11:18)
- "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." (15:8-9)