When Was Cornelius Saved?

Love the Bible History of this Man

Jesus Christ did wonderful things for him to be converted to the truth just like He did wonderful things for our conversions.

You Were Once a Reject from God

In the Old Testament God dealt only with the chosen patriarchs and the nation of Israel, having no favor or truth for heathen.

How Are You a Christian Today?

If Jesus Christ had not ordered a change by this event of Acts 10, America and you would still be ignorant pagans.

If You Want More Details

A sermon was preached in 2004 with more details than will be shown in these slides.

https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2004/when-was-cornelius-saved/

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Who was Cornelius?

He was an Italian commander of 100 Roman soldiers housed in Caesarea about 60 miles from Jerusalem.

Cornelius

-Head of a regiment of soldiers

-Italian

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a centurion of the band
called the Italian band,

Acts 10:1

Rome
Philipi
Province
of Asia
Athens
Corinth
Ephesus
Antioch
Mediterranean Sea
Caesarea
Jerusalem

Capernaum
Bethsaida
Sea of Galilee
Nazareth
Caesarea
Samaria
JORDAN RIVER
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Joppa
Lydda
Jericho
Jerusalem
Gaza

Cornelius Is Important

1. He was the first Gentile convert.
2. Acts chapter 10 is all about him.
3. Acts 11 and 15 include his story.
4. He shows how people are saved.
5. He shows the spirit of saved men.

When Were You Saved?

God detailed Cornelius the Italian in the N.T.
But your salvation required the same work.
We can review the *ordo salutis* by his life.
We can increase love for souls by him.
We can praise God for saving him.
We can praise God for saving us.

Why Is There a Controversy?

Most Christians think Peter saved him.
He had to get the gospel to Cornelius.
They believe decisional regeneration.
They believe baptismal regeneration.
They deny God’s unconditional grace.
They will not divide salvation phases.

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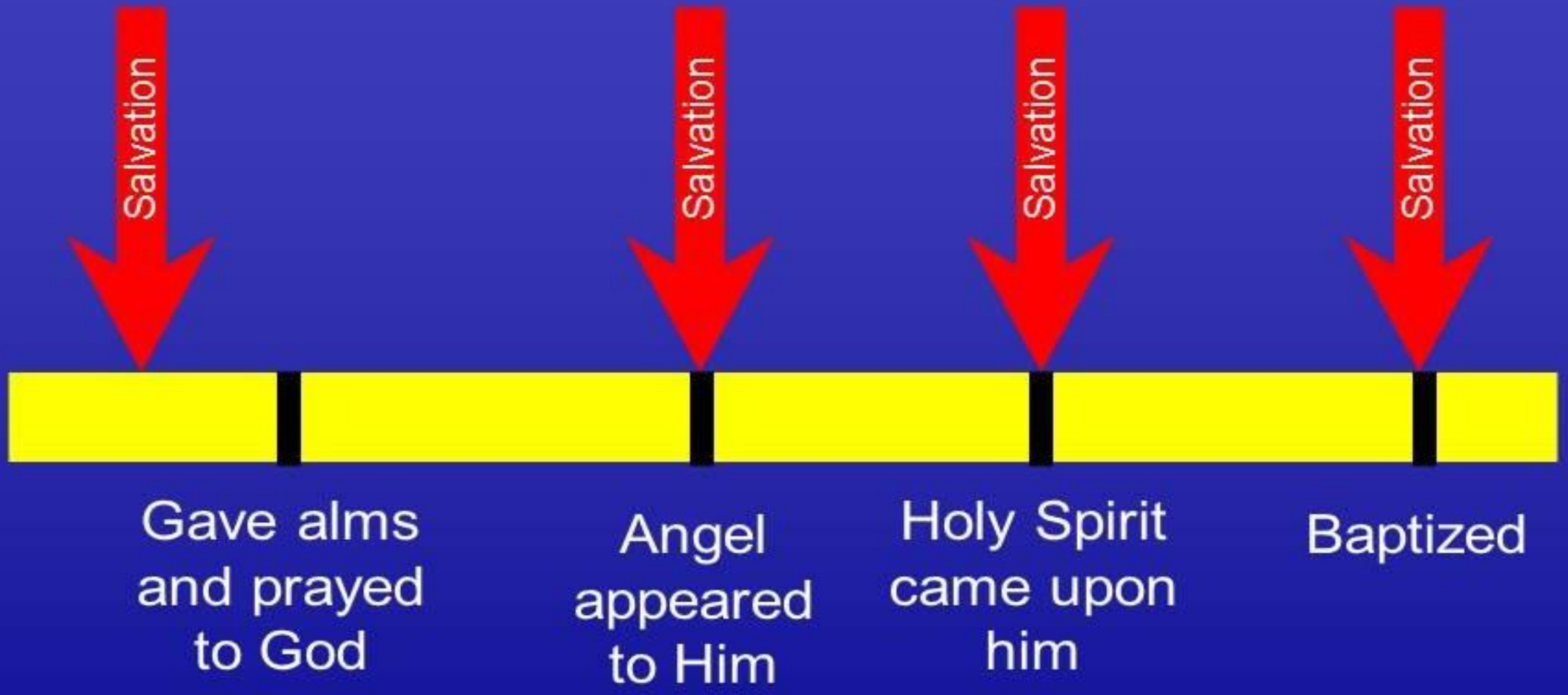

Key Verses!

A Simple Outline to Study Cornelius

Acts 10:1-4	Cornelius's Condition Before Meeting Peter

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A devout man,
and one that feared God
with all his house,
which gave much alms to the people,
and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:2

He saw in a vision
evidently about the ninth hour of the day
an angel of God coming in to him,
and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Acts 10:3

And when he looked on him,
he was afraid, and said,
What is it, Lord?
And he said unto him,
Thy prayers and thine alms
are come up for a memorial before God.

Acts 10:4

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Acts 10:5-8	His Need for Peter and the Gospel of Christ

And now send men to Joppa,
and call for one Simon,
whose surname is Peter:
He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner,
whose house is by the sea side:
he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 10:5-6

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And there came a voice to him,
Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
But Peter said, Not so, Lord;
for I have never eaten any thing
that is common or unclean.
And the voice spake unto him
again the second time,
What God hath cleansed,
that call not thou common.

Acts 10:14-15

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Immediately therefore I sent to thee;
and thou hast well done that thou art come.
Now therefore are we all here present before God,
to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Acts 10:33

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that God
is no respecter of persons:
But in every nation
he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness,
is accepted with him.

Acts 10:34-35

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To him give all the prophets witness,
that through his name
whosoever believeth in him
shall receive remission of sins.
While Peter yet spake these words,
the Holy Ghost fell on all them
which heard the word.

Acts 10:43-44

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Acts 10:44-48	Cornelius's Response to Peter's Preaching

Then answered Peter,
Can any man forbid water,
that these should not be baptized,
which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?
And he commanded them to be baptized
in the name of the Lord.
Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 10:46-48

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Acts 11:1-18; 15:1-18	Peter's Defense and Explanation about Cornelius

And the apostles and brethren
that were in Judaea
heard that the Gentiles
had also received the word of God.
And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem,
they that were of the circumcision
contended with him, Saying,
Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised,
and didst eat with them.

Acts 11:1-3

Forasmuch then as God gave them
the like gift as he did unto us,
who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ;
what was I, that I could withstand God?
When they heard these things,
they held their peace, and glorified God,
saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles
granted repentance unto life.

Acts 11:17-18

And certain men
which came down from Judaea
taught the brethren, and said,
Except ye be circumcised
after the manner of Moses,
ye cannot be saved.
When therefore Paul and Barnabas
had no small dissension and disputation with them....

Acts 15:1-2

But there rose up certain
of the sect of the Pharisees
which believed, saying,
That it was needful to circumcise them,
and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

Acts 15:5

And when there had been much disputing,
Peter rose up, and said unto them,
Men and brethren, ye know how that
a good while ago God made choice among us,
that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear
the word of the gospel, and believe.

Acts 15:7

Now therefore why tempt ye God,
to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples,
which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
But we believe that through the grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ
we shall be saved,
even as they.

Acts 15:10-11

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Questions Answered	Objections Raised by Arminian Errors of Salvation

For we are not as many,
which corrupt the word of God:
but as of sincerity,
but as of God,
in the sight of God
speak we in Christ.

II Corinthians 2:17

I marvel that ye are so soon
removed from him that called you
into the grace of Christ
unto another gospel:
Which is not another;
but there be some that trouble you,
and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:6-7

For there are certain men
crept in unawares,
who were before of old
ordained to this condemnation,
ungodly men,
turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,
and denying the only Lord God,
and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:4

Study to shew thyself
approved unto God,
a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing
the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

When Was Cornelius Saved?

Any view of salvation starts at total depravity.

All men are rebel enemies of God and truth.

Not one of them will ever seek after God.

All of them consider the gospel foolish.

They cannot receive spiritual truth.

Total Depravity

#1 of Seven Proofs of Unconditional Salvation

https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-1987/seven-proofs-of-unconditional-salvation/

Detailed and Extensive Proof of Total Depravity

https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2014/total-depravity/

The wicked,
through the pride
of his countenance,
will not seek after God:
God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:4

The fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God.
They are corrupt,
they have done abominable works,
there is none that doeth good.

Psalm 14:1

The LORD looked down from heaven
upon the children of men,
to see if there were any that
did understand, and seek God.
They are all gone aside,
they are all together become filthy
there is none that doeth good,
no, not one.

Psalm 14:2-3

The fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God.
Corrupt are they,
and have done abominable iniquity:
there is none that doeth good.

Psalm 53:1

God looked down from heaven
upon the children of men,
to see if there were any that
did understand, that did seek God.
Every one of them is gone back:
they are altogether become filthy;
there is none that doeth good,
no, not one.

Psalm 53:2-3

As it is written,
There is none righteous, no, not one:
There is none that understandeth,
there is none that seeketh after God.
They are all gone out of the way,
they are together become unprofitable;
there is none that doeth good,
no, not one.

Romans 3:10-12

There is no fear of God
before their eyes.

Romans 3:18

Because the carnal mind
is enmity against God:
for it is not subject
to the law of God,
neither indeed can be.
So then they that are in the flesh
cannot please God.

Romans 8:7-8

But the natural man receiveth not
the things of the Spirit of God
for they are foolishness unto him:
neither can he know them,
because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:14

And you hath he quickened,
who were dead in trespasses and sins;
Wherein in time past ye walked
according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of the air,
the spirit that now worketh
in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:1-2

Among whom also we all had our conversation
in times past in the lusts of our flesh,
fulfilling the desires of the flesh
and of the mind;
and were by nature
the children of wrath,
even as others.

Ephesians 2:3

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with all his house,
which gave much alms to the people,
and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:2

Cornelius

-Head of a regiment of soldiers

-Italian

-God-fearer

-Gave alms

-Prayed always

Cornelius was devout.

Devout = Devoted and serious religiously.
It cannot prove regeneration or salvation.
Haters of Christ were devout religiously.
Our context indicates it is positive here.
And Cornelius had a devout soldier (10:7).

But the Jews stirred up
the devout and honourable women,
and the chief men of the city,
and raised persecution
against Paul and Barnabas,
and expelled them out of their coasts.

Acts 13:50

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Acts 10:2

And they said,
Cornelius the centurion,
a just man,
and one that feareth God,
and of good report
among all the nation of the Jews....

Acts 10:22

But in every nation
he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness,
is accepted with him.

Acts 10:35

Cornelius Feared Jehovah.

This was no foolish worship of a Roman god.
God by the holy angel and Peter proved it.
He was likely a proselyte to Moses' law.
All of Israel gave him a good report.
He prayed, gave alms, did good.

There is no fear of God
before their eyes.

Romans 3:18

Cornelius feared God.

This is impossible without being born again.

Natural men do not and cannot fear God.

We must be regenerated to fear God.

Men spiritually dead cannot do it.

We must be made alive first.

Cornelius was born again.

This is the only way he would ever fear God.
He was no longer dead in trespasses and sins.
The Lord had quickened and regenerated him.
He had been saved already in the vital phase.
Which proves his election and justification.

A devout man,
and one that feared God
with all his house,
which gave much alms to the people,
and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:2

God had saved his whole house.

His house also did what no unsaved will do.
He had likely taught them in some worship.
They would all hear the gospel and believe.
All invited spoke in tongues with Cornelius.
Peter would order the baptism of them all.

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Acts 10:2

And when he looked on him,
he was afraid, and said,
What is it, Lord?
And he said unto him,
Thy prayers and thine alms
are come up for a memorial
before God.

Acts 10:4

And said, Cornelius,
thy prayer is heard,
and thine alms are had in remembrance
in the sight of God.

Acts 10:31

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and worketh righteousness,
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Acts 10:35

Cornelius was born again.

This is the only way he gave acceptable alms.
God does not accept sacrifices of the wicked.
These alms were a memorial in holy heaven.
The alms were remembered by God Himself.
These were works of righteousness by Him.

They are all gone out of the way,
they are together become unprofitable;
there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:12

Little children,
let no man deceive you:
he that doeth righteousness is righteous,
even as he is righteous.

I John 3:7

The sacrifice of the wicked
is an abomination to the LORD:
but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

Proverbs 15:8

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God is not in all the thoughts of the wicked.
No natural man would ever seek after God.
<u>This is the only way God heard his prayers</u>.
God does not hear prayers of the wicked.
God heard and answered his prayers.

The LORD is far from the wicked:
but he heareth the prayer
of the righteous.

Proverbs 15:29

For the eyes of the Lord
are over the righteous,
and his ears are open
unto their prayers:
but the face of the Lord
is against them that do evil.

I Peter 3:12

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Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that God
is no respecter of persons:
But in every nation
he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness,
is accepted with him.

Acts 10:34-35

What Was Cornelius's Condition?

He was already born again with a new nature.
He was accepted with God by this evidence.
Thus, he was also already elect and justified.
Thus, he was also guaranteed glorification.
But he did not fully know about his Savior.

Cornelius Was Saved Four Ways!

Eternal Phase ... Elected by God in Jesus Christ.
Legal Phase ... Justified by Jesus Christ's death.
Vital Phase ... Regenerated by the Holy Ghost.
Final Phase ... Glorified like Paul in past tense.

Cornelius Needed to be Saved!

He needed to be converted to assurance and obedience of faith by hearing what Jesus had done for him and what he should do for Jesus.

Jesus Cares About Conversion!

He had gone to great ends to choose apostles
and give them great power by the Holy Ghost
to preach His gospel to elect Jews and Gentiles.

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Here Is What Jesus Did to Convert Cornelius

- He sent an angel at 3:00 P.M. to reassure him that God accepted him.
- He told Cornelius a man in Joppa named Peter would tell him the rest.
- He prepared Peter to help this Gentile by causing a vision about noon.
- He arranged the timing of vision and visitors perfectly to assure Peter.
- The Holy Spirit told doubting Peter not to doubt ... He had sent them.
- He obeyed the Spirit against Jewish rules to declare Cornelius accepted.

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What Was Peter’s Vision About?

And saw heaven opened,
and a certain vessel descending unto him,
as it had been a great sheet
knit at the four corners,
and let down to the earth:
Wherein were all manner
of fourfooted beasts of the earth,
and wild beasts, and creeping things,
and fowls of the air.

Acts 10:11-12

And there came a voice to him,
Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
But Peter said, Not so, Lord;
for I have never eaten any thing
that is common or unclean.
And the voice spake unto him
again the second time,
What God hath cleansed,
that call not thou common.

Acts 10:13-15

What Was Peter's Vision About?

God had only dealt with Jews for 1500 years.
The Jewish O.T. diet condemned some meats.
Jesus showed Peter that both were changed.
This was Paul's time of reformation (Heb 9:10).
Jesus' N.T. allowed all meats and all Gentiles.

Which stood only in meats and drinks,
and divers washings,
and carnal ordinances,
imposed on them
until the time of reformation.

Hebrews 9:10

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,
All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:18-19

But ye shall receive power,
after that the Holy Ghost
is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me
both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judaea,
and in Samaria,
and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

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Here Is How Peter and Cornelius Met

- Cornelius's three men brought Peter and six from Joppa to Caesarea.
- Cornelius was waiting for Peter with his relatives and close friends.
- As Peter entered his house, Cornelius fell down and worshipped him.
- But Peter lifted him up and told him to stand that he was only a man.
- He reminded Cornelius it was unlawful for a Jew to visit with Gentiles.
- Peter then said God had changed the rule, so he came without questions.

Here Is How Their Meeting Progressed

- Cornelius related to Peter how the angel told him to send for Peter.
- He then explained the angel said Peter would have things to tell him.
- Cornelius commended Peter for coming quickly in such a great matter.
- He also told him that everyone present wanted God’s commandments.

Love this Brother in Christ!

Cornelius commended the apostle that he had tried to worship and declared his readiness for God's commands.

Do you have his spirit?

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- He also told him that everyone present wanted God's commandments.
- Peter told the gathered group that God no longer respected only Jews.
- He declared that God had accepted any nationality fearing and obeying.

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that
God is no respecter of persons:
But in every nation
he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness,
is accepted with him.

Acts 10:34-35

How Was Cornelius Accepted?

God no longer dealt only with Jews of Israel.
God no longer rejected Gentiles as heathen.
God had accepted these by plain evidence.
We know acceptation was in the Beloved.
Election and predestination came first.

And I,
if I be lifted up
from the earth
will draw all men unto me.

John 12:32

To the praise
of the glory of his grace,
wherein he hath made us
accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:6

According as he hath chosen us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and without blame
before him in love:

Ephesians 1:4

Having predestinated us
unto the adoption of children
by Jesus Christ to himself,
according to the good pleasure
of his will,

Ephesians 1:5

What Was Peter's Role?

Peter could only tell of acceptation in place.
Peter could only say God accepted Gentiles.
Peter told the evidence of God's acceptance.
Anything else to do was not for acceptance.
Anything else to do only helped obedience.

And all things are of God,
who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,
and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
To wit, that God was in Christ,
reconciling the world unto himself,
not imputing their trespasses unto them;
and hath committed unto us
the word of reconciliation.

II Corinthians 5:18-19

Who hath saved us,
and called us with an holy calling,
not according to our works,
but according to his own purpose and grace,
which was given us in Christ Jesus
before the world began,

II Timothy 1:9

But is now made manifest by the
appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who hath abolished death,
and hath brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel:
Whereunto I am appointed
a preacher, and an apostle,
and a teacher of the Gentiles.

II Timothy 1:10-11

Now thanks be unto God,
which always causeth us
to triumph in Christ,
and maketh manifest
the savour of his knowledge
by us in every place.

II Corinthians 2:14

For we are unto God
a sweet savour of Christ,
in them that are saved,
and in them that perish:
To the one we are the savour
of death unto death;
and to the other the savour
of life unto life.

II Corinthians 2:15-16

When Was Cornelius Accepted?

Before he feared and worked righteousness!!
Otherwise, acceptance with God is by works!
Otherwise natural sinners can fear and obey!
Eternally, legally, vitally by God before this!
Peter only declared it; he did not assist it!

But in every nation
he that feareth him,
and worketh righteousness,
is accepted with him.

Acts 10:35

When Was Cornelius Accepted?

If this were a conditional requirement,
it would be worded this way:

Whosoever will fear him,
and will work righteousness,
shall be accepted with him.

The Grammar of His Acceptance

Feareth = Present tense fearing God.
Worketh = Present tense righteousness.
Is Accepted = Perfect tense; previous action.

Perfect tense is action completed or perfected.
Verb tenses are for the timing of an action.
Verb order is irrelevant to action timing.

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word,
and believeth on him that sent me,
hath everlasting life,
and shall not come into condemnation;
but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:24

The Grammar of John 5:24

Heareth = Present tense hearing gospel.
Believeth = Present tense believing gospel.
Hath = Present tense possession of salvation.
Shall Not = Future tense for the final phase.
Is Passed = Perfect tense; previous action.

Verb order is irrelevant to action timing.

Modified for Current English Usage
Perfect Tense Always Uses a Form of "Have"

But in every nation
he that fears him,
and works righteousness,
has been accepted with him.

Acts 10:35

An Example to Help

Perfect tense is action completed or perfected.
Verb tenses are for the timing of an action.
Verb order is irrelevant to action timing.

A player that lifts hard,
and eats nutritiously,
is trained well.

Which Occurred First?

Whoever breathes like normal is resuscitated.

Which Occurred First?

Whoever enters next is accepted by the class.

The Grammar of Salvation

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Peter Preached the Gospel to These Gentiles

- He began stating they already knew about the divine ministry of Jesus.
- But the correct and detailed gospel they heard first from Peter (15:7).
- Peter then identified apostles as eye-witnesses of all Jesus had done.
- He gave the infallible proof of eating and drinking with Him after rising.
- He told them that Jesus had ordered them to preach that He is Judge.
- He exalted Jesus as the prophesied Messiah for remission of sins by faith.

What Is This Remission of Sins?

God no longer dealt only with Jews of Israel.
God no longer rejected Gentiles as heathen.
God had accepted these by plain evidence.
We know acceptation was in the Beloved.
Election and predestination came first.

To him give all the prophets witness,
that through his name
whosoever believeth in him
shall receive remission of sins.

Acts 10:43

What Is This Remission of Sins?

It is practical remission of sins for assurance.
Cornelius certainly had O.T. guilt for his sins.
Legal remission of sins is by Christ Himself.
His conscience was purged trusting Jesus.
He could be confident to face the Judge.

Unto him that loved us,
and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
And hath made us kings and priests
unto God and his Father;
to him be glory and dominion
for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5-6

Who being the brightness of his glory,
and the express image of his person,
and upholding all things by the word of his power,
when he had by himself purged our sins,
sat down on the right hand
of the Majesty on high;

Hebrews 1:3

And their sins and iniquities
will I remember no more.
Now where remission of these is,
there is no more offering for sin.

Revelation 10:17-18

John did baptize in the wilderness,
and preach the baptism of repentance
for the remission of sins.

Mark 1:4

Then Peter said unto them,
Repent, and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the remission of sins,
and ye shall receive the gift
of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38

And now why tarriest thou?
arise, and be baptized,
and wash away thy sins,
calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 22:16

The like figure whereunto
even baptism doth also now save us
(not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,
but the answer of a good conscience toward God,)
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

I Peter 3:21

What About the Whosoever?

It is simply and only a pronoun meaning any person that would do so, but a broad pronoun to include Gentiles.

Men and brethren,
children of the stock of Abraham,
and whosoever among you feareth God,
to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Acts 13:26

Several Things Are Missing!

1. Peter did not preach God loved the world.
2. He did not tell to invite Jesus into the heart.
3. He did not ask them to come forward at all.
4. He did not offer health, wealth, happiness.
5. He did not say to sow a seed for a harvest.

Peter Taught Lordship Salvation

The word which God sent
unto the children of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ:
(he is Lord of all:)

Acts 10:36

And he commanded them
to be baptized
in the name of the Lord.

Acts 10:48

And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever shall call
on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.

Acts 2:21

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly,
that God hath made that same Jesus,
whom ye have crucified,
both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:36

Him hath God exalted
with his right hand
to be a Prince and a Saviour,
for to give repentance to Israel,
and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 5:31

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How Did Cornelius Respond to Peter's Preaching?

- He and all with him began speaking with the apostolic gift of tongues!
- Peter's six were astonished the Gentiles had the gift of the Holy Ghost!
- This was no Charismatic gibberish! They magnified God in languages!
- Peter was not as astonished, but encouraged, so he ordered baptism!
- Jesus had reversed the order from Acts 2:38 to encourage His apostle!
- Cornelius and his house were baptized and begged Peter to stay longer.

What Did Peter Tell Him To Do?

And now send men to Joppa,
and call for one Simon,
whose surname is Peter:
He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner,
whose house is by the sea side:
he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 10:5-6

And he commanded them
to be baptized
in the name of the Lord.
Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 10:46-48

How then shall they call on him
in whom they have not believed?
and how shall they believe in him
of whom they have not heard?
and how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
as it is written, How beautiful are the feet
of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:14-15

GLORY TO GOD!

So ... When Was Cornelius Saved?

- He was elected by God the Father in Christ before the world began.
- He was legally accepted by Jesus' substitutionary death / resurrection.
- He was vitally regenerated well before Acts 10 by Holy Ghost power.
- He was converted by Peter's preaching and God opening His heart.
- He knew he would be finally saved and glorified with Peter and Paul.
- Salvation's five phases are key for dividing regeneration and conversion.

So ... When Was Cornelius Saved?

- Conversion is a salvation, but not election, justification, regeneration.
- Cornelius was born again without Peter; he was converted by Peter.
- If faith opens heaven ...abortives, infants, retarded, heathen go to hell.
- Decisional regeneration is as heretical as RCC baptismal regeneration.
- Can you identify the Bible's five phases of salvation in your own life?
- We are bound like Paul wrote to constantly thank God for all salvations.

Love this Brother in Christ!

Cornelius would have been gloriously thrilled
full of the Holy Ghost, but they did not
want Peter's preaching to end.

Do you have his spirit?

Peter Defends Gentile Converts!

Our situation as Gentiles was still precarious
by human view, as Jewish Christians
did not want to include us.

Apostles Rebuked Traditionalists!

There are ignorant or corrupt men in every church, even in the Jerusalem church, that cannot learn God’s grace.

Nationalism Is Dangerous Bias!

While we thank God for America, let us never value country so high we are misled in thinking like these Jews were.

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Peter's Defense to the Jews in Jerusalem

- When Peter returned to Jerusalem, the Jews there rebuked his actions.
- They condemned him for visiting and eating with uncircumcised men.
- Peter rehearsed it all from the beginning and expounded it in order.
- He told of his vision, the angel to Cornelius, timing, and six witnesses.
- He ended with the gift of tongues and asked how he could resist God.
- This quieted his detractors to glorify God for granting Gentile repentance.

And as I began to speak,
the Holy Ghost fell on them,
as on us at the beginning.
Then remembered I
the word of the Lord,
how that he said,
John indeed baptized with water;
but ye shall be baptized
with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:15-16

Forasmuch then
as God gave them
the like gift as he did unto us,
who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ;
what was I, that I could withstand God?

Acts 11:17

When they heard these things,
they held their peace,
and glorified God, saying,
Then hath God also to the Gentiles
granted repentance unto life.

Acts 11:18

Thank God for Overriding Men

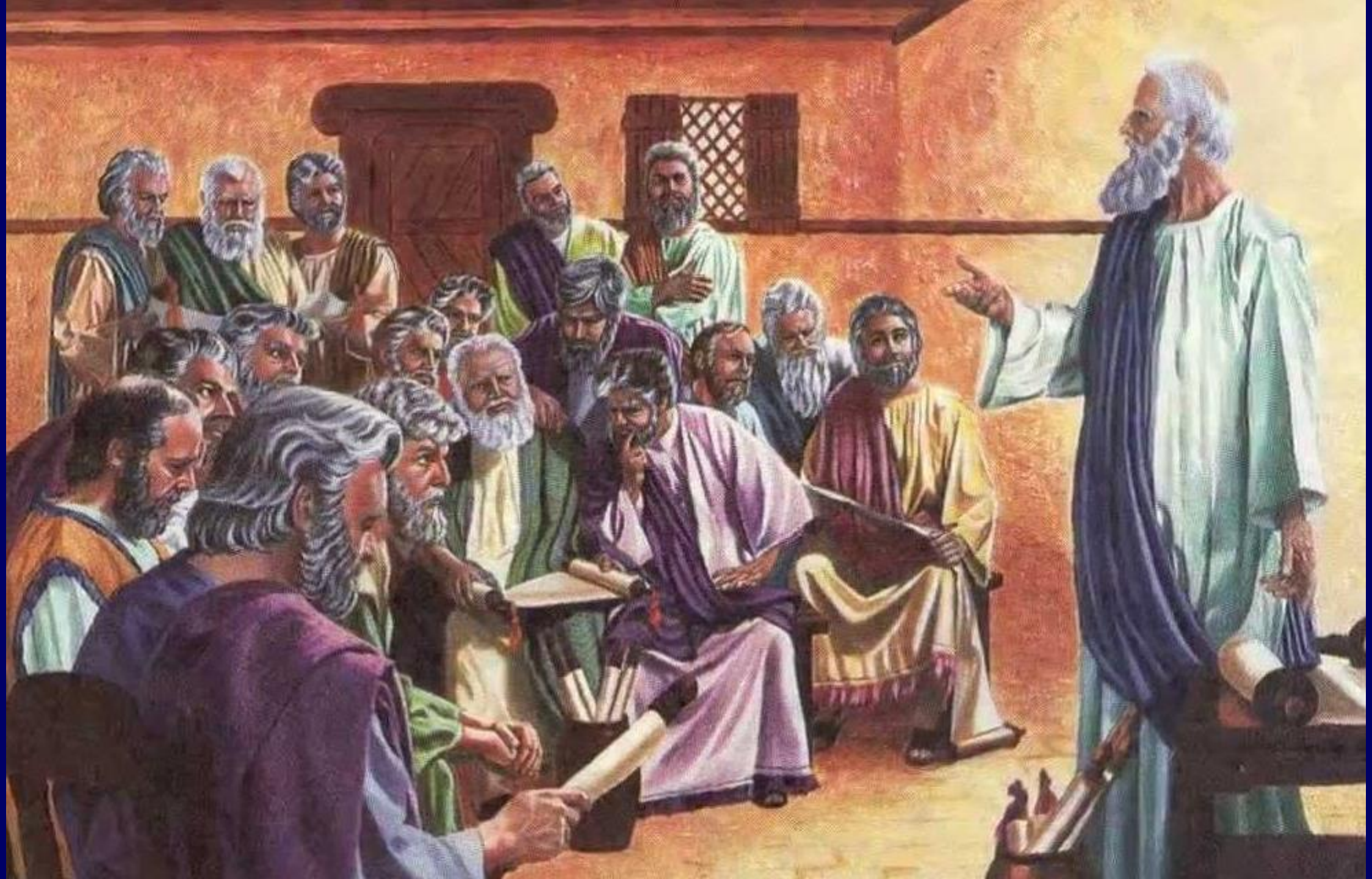
He so arranged the circumstances of this landmark case of Gentile conversions to get the apostolic gospel to us.

Much Truth Dies in Committees

There have been situations when men tried to present truth of similar value and were silenced by traditionalists.

Protect Christ's Local Churches

Do not compromise local church safety by any manmade influence over it or alter the Bible's plan for internal leaders to guide and lead it.



Peter's Explanation to the Council of Jerusalem

- Pharisee members required Gentiles be circumcised and keep the law.
- The apostles and elders in Jerusalem came together to settle the issue.
- After much arguing, Peter said that God picked him for the Gentiles.
- He explained that God had confirmed their faith exactly like the Jews.
- He accused the adversaries of tempting God by Moses' impossible law.
- By inspiration he said the Jews could hope for salvation like the Gentiles!

And when there had been much disputing,
Peter rose up, and said unto them,
Men and brethren, ye know how that
a good while ago God made choice
among us, that the Gentiles
by my mouth should hear
the word of the gospel,
and believe.

Acts 15:7

And God,
which knoweth the hearts,
bare them witness,
giving them the Holy Ghost,
even as he did unto us;

Acts 15:8

Now therefore
why tempt ye God,
to put a yoke upon
the neck of the disciples,
which neither our fathers
nor we were able to bear?

Acts 15:10

But we believe
that through the grace
of the Lord Jesus Christ
we shall be saved,
even as they.

Acts 15:11

Hate CCC and Be Terrified of It

Consistency (tradition) is a **C**urse when
God's revelation teaches a **C**hange.

And after they had held their peace,
James answered, saying,
Men and brethren, hearken unto me:
Simeon hath declared
how God at the first did visit the Gentiles,
to take out of them a people for his name.
And to this agree the words
of the prophets; as it is written,

Acts 15:13-15

After this I will return,
and will build again the tabernacle of David,
which is fallen down; and I will build again
the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
That the residue of men
might seek after the Lord,
and all the Gentiles,
upon whom my name is called,
saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Acts 15:16-17

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Two Steps for “Contradictions”

1. Prove what it cannot be by scripture unity.
2. Explore the context and options for sense.

Arminian Folly #1

The angel told Cornelius he needed Peter,
so he and his house could be saved.

Who shall tell thee words,
whereby thou and all thy house
shall be saved.

Acts 11:14

Simple Truth Answer #1

1. There are no contradictions in the Bible.
2. “Saved” must be divided into five phases.
3. Peter only converted Cornelius and house.
4. Cornelius was saved from countless issues.
5. Forcing this “saved” will be folly by others.

Simple Truth Answer #1

1. How was Cornelius accepted but unsaved?
2. If unsaved, how did his works please God?
3. If unsaved, did Peter appeal to his flesh?
4. If unsaved, how to fear, give, pray always?
5. If unsaved, why did want to hear so badly?

Take heed unto thyself,
and unto the doctrine;
continue in them:
for in doing this
thou shalt both save thyself,
and them that hear thee.

I Timothy 4:16

And with many other words
did he testify and exhort, saying,
Save yourselves
from this untoward generation.
Acts 2:40

By which also ye are saved,
if ye keep in memory
what I preached unto you,
unless ye have believed in vain.

I Corinthians 15:2

Arminian Folly #2

The Jerusalem Jews concluded by Peter's testimony that God had granted repentance unto life.

When they heard these things,
they held their peace,
and glorified God, saying,
Then hath God also to the Gentiles
granted repentance unto life.

Acts 11:18

Simple Truth Answer #2

1. It does not say repentance brought life.
2. No man can repent unless born again.
3. Repentance was evidence they had life.
4. Did John baptize unto or of repentance?
5. Had God granted it to all or some Jews?

Now when they heard this,
they were pricked in their heart,
and said unto Peter and to
the rest of the apostles,
Men and brethren,
what shall we do?

Acts 2:37

When they heard that,
they were cut to the heart,
and took counsel to slay them.

Acts 5:33

When they heard these things,
they were cut to the heart,
and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

Acts 7:54

God Must Give Repentance First

1. Men oppose themselves until He does so.
2. They will not admit God's truth until then.
3. Satan can and will control them until then.
4. Repentance, faith, and love are God's gifts.
5. Bible verses on a topic must be reconciled.

In meekness instructing those
that oppose themselves;
if God peradventure will give them
repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
And that they may recover themselves
out of the snare of the devil,
who are taken captive by him at his will.

II Timothy 2:25-26

Arminian Folly #3

Peter told the council at Jerusalem
that the Gentiles had purified
their hearts by faith.

And put no difference
between us and them,
purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:9

Simple Truth Answer #3

1. God gave them their faith that purified!
2. God bare witness their hearts were good!
3. We purify our hearts practically (Jas 4:8)!
4. If faith purifies, then it originated in filth!
5. Gospel faith purges the conscience clean!

Draw nigh to God,
and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners;
and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:8

And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that ye may prove what is that good,
and acceptable, and perfect,
will of God.

Romans 12:2

Let us draw near with a true heart
in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled
from an evil conscience,
and our bodies washed
with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls
in obeying the truth through the Spirit
unto unfeigned love of the brethren,
see that ye love one another
with a pure heart fervently:

I Peter 1:22

What Will You Do with Bible History of Cornelius?

- Let us shout praise to God for saving an Italian man and other souls.
- Let us shout praise to Jesus Christ for sending apostles to the Gentiles.
- Examine your life to see if you are accepted with God by his evidence.
- Examine your life to see if you desire gospel preaching like he did.
- Do you and yours know salvation’s phases to teach others? to defend?
- Do you have love of souls and use influence like Cornelius did with many?

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