

Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

Acts 10:34-48 *Be Made Clean*

***Being made clean by God involves an openness to Christ, a receiving of Christ, and a submission under Christ.**

⇒ Cleaning a carpet can be tricky. The stains are not gone completely because they reappear after a while.

Fulfillment of God's statement in 10:15...

I. Acceptable (10:34-38)

- A. Anyone who fears Him and does what is right
 - i. God does not show partiality
 - ii. NOT by works
 - iii. The requirements of man (Micah 6:8)
- B. The Word (that He sent)
 - i. Word was sent to Israel
 - ii. You yourselves know...
- C. Openness to Christ
 - i. "Acceptable": Welcome, favorable
 - ii. The heart of faith (Heb. 11:6)
- D. ⇒ Believing in a stool is only true if one sits on the stool

II. Forgiven (10:39-43)

- A. We are witnesses
- B. Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection
- C. Receiving of Christ
 - i. The prophets bear witness (Scripture reveals it)
 - ii. Everyone who believes
 - iii. Forgiveness of sins
- D. ⇒ Jesus pays to open the gate to allow us into the presence of God

III. Baptized (10:44-48)

- A. The Holy Spirit fell on all who heard
 - i. Who has received the Holy Spirit so far?
 - ii. Jews..Samaritans...Gentiles
- B. Circumcised were amazed
 - i. Traveled with Peter (as witnesses)

- ii. Gift was “poured out” onto the Gentiles
 - iii. Speaking in tongues
 - a. Only 3x speaking in tongues mentioned when receiving the Spirit
 - b. Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6
 - c. God’s confirmation of the Spirit moving among the people; not salvation.
- C. Submission under Christ
- i. Series of events in Acts
 - a. Acts 2: Jews believed, baptized, and received the Spirit (2:38)
 - b. Acts 8: Samaritans believed, baptized, hands laid on, received the Spirit (8:16-17)
 - c. Acts 10: Heard the Word, believed, received the Spirit, baptized (10:47)
 - ii. Baptism of Spirit came before
 - iii. Water baptism (symbolism of new life)
 - iv. ⇒ We sit firmly and entirely upon the stool. Going wherever the stool goes.

IV. Trinity

- A. Acceptable (open) to God
- B. Forgiven (received) the Son
- C. Baptism (submission) of the Spirit

V. Live It Out

- A. You may be made clean and uncommon
- B. You may help someone else be made clean and uncommon
- C. **The 3 Circles [Life On Mission app]**

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