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**"A GOSPEL FOR EVERYONE"**

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**TEXT:** Acts 10:1-11:18

**BACKGROUND:** The book of Acts follows the expansion of God's mission from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). In today's passage, we see the Lord use two visions to endorse the Gentile mission.

**I. TWO SIGNIFICANT VISIONS (10:1-16)**

1. Cornelius' vision - God notices genuine faith (vv. 1-8).

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2. Peter's vision - God redefines what is clean (vv. 9-16).

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**II. TWO SIGNIFICANT JOURNEYS (10:17-27)**

1. The road to Joppa - The faith to seek truth (vv. 17-23)

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2. The road to Caesarea - The faith to enter the doors God opens (vv. 23-27)

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**III. ONE CHURCH WITHOUT BARRIERS (10:28-11:18)**

1. The elephant in the room - Jews do not normally associate with Gentiles due to purity laws (10:28-29).

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2. An unfinished sermon - A Gentile Pentecost (10:34-45)

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3. A gobsmacked reaction - God has granted Gentiles full access to the repentance that leads to life (10:46-11:18).

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**NOTE:** Holiness by ritual cleansing has been replaced by cleansing through faith in Jesus Christ.

Application Thoughts:

- God does not show partiality among people, and neither should we.
- If we are not careful, we can create unnecessary barriers that keep people from salvation.
- God gives forgiveness to those who trust Christ for salvation. Have you believed?
- Peter had the Gentiles baptized as a sign of their salvation and acceptance in the church. Have you been baptized?

Passage for next week: Acts 16

