

**Acts 10: Expansion of Peter's Vision**

**I. The Appearance of a Vision Signifies That God's Work Is Moving Forward**

- A. A vision is the seeing of God's ultimate purpose

**II. Cornelius' Salvation Is Prepared by God (vv. 1–8)**

- A. One who lives before God with good conduct is remembered by God
  - 1. Praying indicates having faith
  - 2. Giving generously indicates having works produced by faith
- B. A vision leads people to enter into God's eternal purpose
  - 1. God's vision to Cornelius reveals that he is part of His purpose
  - 2. The outward experience is eventful, but to God it is a step forward for His work
- C. Cornelius sends for Peter according to God's command

**III. Peter's Vision Expands Under God's Guidance (vv. 9–16)**

- A. The first and foremost principle is to follow the Holy Spirit. At this point Peter already has abundant experience and knowledge, and is also extremely humble. Although he is already quite experienced spiritually, the Lord asks him not to follow or rely on experience but to follow the Holy Spirit
- B. The Lord causes Peter to keep moving forward in his prayer life
- C. The vision brings about deeper training and more brokenness
  - 1. God's instructions in the vision
    - a) Gentiles will also receive salvation — there is no partiality in Christ
    - b) the gospel must go to the ends of the earth
  - 2. Peter's traditional viewpoint and self-righteousness
  - 3. The breakthrough of Peter's traditional viewpoint
    - a) God is the center
    - b) whatever originates from God is right — what He has made clean must not be called impure

**IV. The Holy Spirit Makes the Vision a Reality (vv. 17–33)**

- A. The vision brings about revolutionary actions towards the goal
- B. The Holy Spirit urges Peter to move forward without hesitation
- C. There is confirmation in the environment — the coming of the three men and the centurion's testimony
- D. Peter's inappropriate words — he goes forward, groping all the way

**V. The Second Message by Peter: The Central Theme Is the Lord Jesus (vv. 34–48)**

- A. Receive vision, preach the Lord Jesus; the goal of understanding salvation is to preach the Lord Jesus
  - 1. He is the Lord of all — the Lord Jesus is the center of everything
  - 2. He is the Word become flesh — the Holy Spirit and power confirm He is both God and man
  - 3. He has risen — the disciples are witnesses
  - 4. He is the Lord of judgment — He is the ultimate judge of everything
  - 5. Salvation is from Him — those who believe will receive forgiveness of sins through His name
- B. Baptism of the Holy Spirit and baptism of water — entering into the body of Christ
  - 1. The fervent confirmation of the Holy Spirit
  - 2. Baptized into the same Holy Spirit — just like the apostles

3. The Gentiles also receive salvation and have a part in the body of Christ
- C. The first great breakthrough in the work of the gospel — reaching to the Gentiles