



Edge of Miraculous: Good News for the Whole World! (Acts 9:32 – 10:48)

Study Notes Handout: Week Eighteen

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message...
Then Peter said, 'Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have
received the Holy Spirit just as we have. - Acts 10:44, 47*

*The essence of the Holy Spirit's ministry is, at this or any time in the Christian era, to mediate the
presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. - J.I. Packer*

Introduction:

We live our lives on the edge of the miraculous; but we don't often realize it or embrace it. That's because it requires us to put aside our assumptions and let God be God. We saw it in the conversion of Paul in Acts 9; and today we see it in the conversion of Cornelius in Acts 10. The question we must ask is - *What assumptions have we made about God, and how can we join Him in the miraculous?*

1. Cornelius on the Edge of Miraculous (10:1 - 8)

2. Peter on the Edge of Miraculous (10:9 - 23)

3. The Church on the Edge of Miraculous (10:24 - 48)

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

- i. Both Cornelius and Peter were praying when they were given a vision from God. What does their piety, prayer and posture of heart teach us about such faith experiences? What place do the Scriptures have in such experiences?

- ii. It has been said that Acts 10 is as much about the conversion of Peter as it is about the conversion of Cornelius. What had to change in Peter and what might have to change in you for the Holy Spirit to accomplish the mission of Christ?

- iii. What is most encouraging to you about this passage of Scripture?



Personal Study Notes

³⁴ *Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is
that God does not show favoritism
³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.*

*Then Peter said,
⁴⁷ "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?
They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."
Acts 10:34-35, 46-47*

The Raising of Dorcas (9:36-43)

Peter's Witness to a Gentile God-Fearer

The Vision of Cornelius (10:1-8)

The Vision of Peter (10:9-16)

Peter's Visit to Cornelius (10:17-23)

Shared Visions (10:24-33)

Peter's Witness & the Impartiality of the Spirit (10:34-48)

Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

- 1)
- 2)