

## Acts 10 • A Ministry Turning Point

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1. (v.1-8) God is already in the process of **preparing** the hearts of those with whom He intends for us to share the **Gospel**.
2. (v.9-16) It is just as important for the **bearer** of the Gospel to have a right heart as it is for the **recipient**.
3. (v.17-23a) What takes place in the **earthly** realm is a reflection of what is taking place in the **spiritual** realm.
4. (v.23b-33) Any doctrine, theory, or principle which prohibits us from sharing the Gospel is **unbiblical**.
5. (v.34-43) The Gospel is a message about the teaching, death, and resurrection of Christ – not the **traditions of men**.
6. (v.44-48) Baptism in the book of Acts:
  - a. Acts 2 (post-Pentecost): The Jews who believed had to be baptized to receive the Spirit.
  - b. Acts 8: The Samaritans who believed were baptized and received the Spirit after through the laying on of hands by the Apostles.
  - c. Acts 10: The Gentiles who believed received the Spirit and then were baptized.
  - d. We are baptized into the Kingdom through **Christ**, not into **Israel** through observance of traditions. There is always confusion whenever “**kingdom** truth” is mixed in with “**church** truth”.
7. How to fulfill the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20)
  - a. We are to make **disciples**, a body of work which does not end with **evangelism**.
  - b. We are to **baptize**, which does not end with a ceremony but implies **fellowship** in a local assembly.
  - c. We are to **teach the Word**, which does not end with simply **hearing** it but putting it into practice.