

Appendix

Acts 10:1 Now *there was* a certain man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort,² a devout man, and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people, and prayed to God continually.³ About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had *just* come in to him, and said to him, “Cornelius!”⁴ And fixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.⁵ “And now dispatch *some* men to Joppa, and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;⁶ he is staying with a certain tanner *named* Simon, whose house is by the sea.”⁷ And when the angel who was speaking to him had departed, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were in constant attendance upon him,⁸ and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹ And on the next day, as they were on their way, and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.¹⁰ And he became hungry, and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;¹¹ and he **beheld* the sky opened up, and a certain object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,¹² and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.¹³ And a voice came to him, “Arise, Peter, kill and eat!”¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.”¹⁵ And again a voice *came* to him a second time, “What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy.”¹⁶ And this happened three times; and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon’s house, appeared at the gate;¹⁸ and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.¹⁹ And while Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you.²⁰ “But arise, go downstairs, and accompany them without misgivings; for I have sent them Myself.”²¹ And Peter went down to the men and said, “Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?”

²² And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was *divinely* directed by a holy angel to send for you *to come* to his house and hear a message from you.”²³ And so he invited them in and gave them lodging.

And on the next day he arose and went away with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

²⁴ And on the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.²⁵ And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped *him*.²⁶ But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am *just* a man.”

²⁷ And as he talked with him, he entered, and found many people assembled.²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and *yet* God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.²⁹ “That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. And so I ask for what reason you have sent for me.”

³⁰ And Cornelius said, “Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments,³¹ and he **said*, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.³² ‘Send therefore to Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon *the* tanner by the sea.’³³ “And so I sent to you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴ And opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,

35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right, is welcome to Him.³⁶ “The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)—³⁷ you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.³⁸ “*You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him.*³⁹ “And we are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.⁴⁰ “God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible,⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is, to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.*⁴² “And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.⁴⁵ And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also.⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,⁴⁷ “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?”⁴⁸ And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

11:1 Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him,³ saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴ But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying,⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me,⁶ and when I had fixed my gaze upon it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air.⁷ “And I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Arise, Peter; kill and eat.’⁸ “But I said, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ “But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.’¹⁰ “And this happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky.

¹¹ “And behold, at that moment three men appeared before the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² “And the Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. And these six brethren also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;¹⁴ and he shall speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’¹⁵ “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ “If God therefore gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”¹⁸ And when they heard this, they quieted down, and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads to life.*”

¹The New American Standard Bible, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.