

"I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him." (Acts 10.34b-35)

**Favoritism is inconsistent with God's character and a denial of the gospel.
We should love people the way Christ loved us.**

The Seeker's Vision (Cornelius) (10.1-8)

Cornelius was a _____ man, but not yet a _____ man.

God reveals himself to those who respond to the _____ they've been given. No one responds to God apart from his _____. (Mt. 7.8, Heb. 11.6, John 6.44, Jer. 29:13-14a)

The Saint's Vision (Peter) (10.9-33)

While God is working with a seeker to get him to hear the truth about Jesus, He is, at the same time, working with Peter to _____ him of his prejudice.

The Savior's Vision (10.34-48)

As soon as these people _____ they received the Holy Spirit,

Some Observations for Today

1. God has already _____ people who are ready to hear how to find him.
2. Our personal preferences often become _____ that keep us from seeing and doing the will of God. We need God's help to see the sin of favoritism that affects our relationships.
3. The Spirit of God always uses the _____ of God to bring people to faith in Christ.
4. The beauty and wonder of the gospel is that it is the _____ news that breaks down every barrier between people, and brings them together to form one new man in Christ.

Responding to the Story

5 ways we can better communicate the gospel in our culture:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answers: religious, regenerated, light, grace, heal, believed, prepared, idols, Word, only; Prayer, Humility, Listening, Grace, Faith