

SALVATION FOR THE NATIONS

ACTS 10:1-8

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Some theologians view Acts 10 as the most important chapter in the Bible. James M. Boice, Acts, p.180

IS MADE PLAIN. It is obvious that there is God! “Fear of God does not mean fear of final judgment but is a common theme in Acts referring to fear as godly awe, reverence and devotion (as in Acts 2:43; 10:2; 13:26) or fear of God’s displeasure and fatherly discipline (as in 5:5,11; 16:29; 19:17)” ESV Study Bible, footnote for Acts 9:31. (**Acts 10:1-2, fn 10:2, Romans 1:18-20, fn 1:20[1st], Psalms 19:1-6, fn 19:1-6**) *How did God’s creation encourage you to seek Him?*

IS BY TRUTH. From Genesis to Revelation, God’s salvation for anyone is received by faith in Jesus Christ. (**Acts 10:3, 4, fn 10:4, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st], Romans 3:27-31, fn 3:28, Romans 4:13-16, fn 4:16, Romans 9:30-33, fn 9:31-33**) *Why does God offer salvation by faith and not by works?*

IS PRESENTED BY BELIEVERS. This special occasion called for a special believer. God had Cornelius send for Peter to present to them the gospel. For each of us as believers, the history of our personal relationship with Christ can be probably be traced to this monumental event at Caesarea. (**Acts 10:5-8, fn 10:1[1st], fn 10:1[2nd], Romans 10:14, 15, fn 10:14, 15, Ephesians 3:4-8, fn 3:7, fn 3:8, II Corinthians 5:18-20, fn 5:20**) *Will the spread of the gospel stop with your family? How could you teach them to share Christ?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?