

## FACTORS IN THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS

Text: Acts 10:30-33

INTRO: Most likely you've heard several lessons on the subject of the conversion of Cornelius. In this lesson we will take a little different approach. We note from vs 36-38 that Cornelius had heard the gospel before. Why was he convinced now? What was different this time? We suggest there are at least 5 factors in the conversion of Cornelius.

### I. HIS OWN NATURE, CHARACTER, PERSONALITY.

- A. He was not yet convinced, but convincible, vs 1, 2, 22
- B. He was a "God-fearer," 10:2, 22; Cp. 13:16

### II. AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM, vs 3-8.

- A. The angel did not compel him to believe & obey.  
Cp. Balaam. Num 22; Lot's wife, Gen 19
- B. He needed to hear the words the angel was not authorized to speak. 11:14

### III. PETER'S EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT, vs 37-42.

N.T. not yet written

### IV. RESPECT FOR O.T. PROPHECY, vs 43; Acts 3:24.

### V. THE FACTOR MOST COMMONLY OVERLOOKED -- PERHAPS STRONGEST FACTOR OF ALL -- THE EVIDENCE OF JESUS LIVING IN SIMON PETER. vs 19-23; 27-29.

Cp. Paul, Gal 2:20; Phil 1:21

"Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me"

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