

## THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS: MIRACLE vs. LAW

Text: Acts 10:34-35

INTRO: Many fail to understand this case of conversion because they fail to distinguish between God's law of pardon and the supernatural events leading up the conversion of the first Gentile family.

What is a miracle? An event beyond or above natural agents and means; an intervention of Divine power.

Is it necessary to receive a miraculous manifestation of the Holy Spirit to be saved? Were Cornelius & his family saved before or after water baptism?

### I. CORNELIUS' CHARACTER. Acts 10:1-2, 22.

But needed to hear words by which he & his family could be saved, 11:13-14.

### II. CORNELIUS' VISION, Acts 10:3-8.

A. Vision didn't save him. Angel didn't save him.

B. Needed the gospel, vs. 5-6. Romans 10:13-17

### III. PETER'S VISION, Acts 10:9-20.

### IV. PETER TAKES SIX WITNESSES. Acts 10:21-33; 11:12.

### V. PETER'S SERMON, Acts 10:34-43.

A. Faith, Acts 10:43.

B. Repentance, Acts 11:18.

C. Baptism, Acts 10:48.

### VI. THE MIRACULOUS MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON CORNELIUS' HOUSE-HOLD,

Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-17.

### VII. PETER'S DEFENSE, Acts 11:1-18.

## CHART

### MIRACLE

1. Cornelius' Vision.
2. Peter's Vision.
3. Holy Spirit administered

Jonestown, TX, March 2, 1969  
Springhill, LA, September 20, 1970  
Liberty Hill, TX, June 25, 1972 (meeting)  
Magnolia, AR, November 9, 1972 (meeting)  
Smyrna, Atlanta, TX, October 24, 1973 (meeting)  
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, October 28, 1973  
Bossier City, LA, January 1, 1975 (meeting)  
La Porte, TX, January 4, 1976  
Burkeville,, TX, June 16, 1977 (meeting)  
Hutto, TX, October 10, 1979 (meeting)  
Humphrey, AR, July 28, 1980 (meeting)  
Exton, PA, March 23, 1986  
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, June 13, 1988  
Shippensburg, PA, June 9, 1998 (meeting)  
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, December 5, 1999  
Benchley, Bryan, TX, June 13, 2000 (meeting)  
Waterville, ME, December 22, 2001 (meeting)  
South Loop, Crockett, TX, May 7, 2002 (meeting)  
E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Stillwater, OK, September 30, 2002 (meeting)  
Rice Rd., Tyler, TX, October 7, 2002 (meeting)  
Taylors, SC, March 16, 2003 (meeting)

### LAW

1. Hear Gospel.
2. Believe.
3. Repent.
4. Be Baptized.