

## Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

November 8, 2020

### Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading:

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *Cornelius Gets Some Respect* (Acts 10:34-48)

### Announcements:

**A Blessed Veteran's Day** to all our veterans! You were "God's ministers" (Romans 13:1-6), and we thank you for your ministry to God and your service to our country.

**Next Sunday** our guest speaker will be Assistant Pastor Paul Balbach, as Pastor Kurth ministers the word at *Grace Bible Church* of Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

**Literature for Josh and Marcia:** They give away tons of gospel and Pauline literature at their town fair. If you have old literature you'd like to give them, bring it and Pastor Aaron Harris at *Berean Bible Society* will ship it to them.

**Our offering box** is located just left of the kitchen door.

**Pick up** today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone

## Acts 10:23-33 *Apostolic Hospitality*

As Peter left to go break the law of Moses by visiting a Gentile, he made sure to bring some witnesses (10:23) who could later testify to what happened when he got there. Later we learn that he brought *two or three times as many witnesses as the law required* (Deut.19:15 cf. Acts 11:12). That shows that he must have been extremely *nervous*, knowing he'd be called on to *account* for his actions—and he was in Acts 11! And he probably got even *more* nervous when he found that Cornelius called his Gentile friends and family members together to hear what he had to say (v.24).

Now you can't blame a Gentile like Cornelius for *worshipping* Peter (v.25) and not knowing that "it is written" that only *God* should be worshipped (Luke 4:8). Peter *refused* his worship, just as Paul did (Acts 14:15), of course. But if you think about it, there's a sense in which Peter *was* a god—at least to *Cornelius*. The Bible says that Moses was a god for speaking God's Word to Pharaoh (Ex.7:1), and all the Jews were gods to all the Gentiles (Ps.82:6) because they had the Word of God to speak to the Gentiles (John 10:34,35). *We* have God's Word *today*, and while Paul doesn't call *us* gods, we should be *godly* (1Tim.4:7). We represent *God!*

This large gathering of Gentiles (10:27) explains what the Lord meant when He said the fields were white unto the harvest (John 4:35). When a bunch of Samaritans believed on Him (John 4:39-41), that showed that *all* the Samaritans were ready to be harvested. And when all these Gentiles came to hear what Peter had to say, that showed that all the Gentiles were ready as well.

But up till now, it was *against the law* for Peter to go to the Gentiles. That shows he hadn't been following the Lord's commission to go to "all nations" (Mt.28:19). Why not? Because he knew *all the nation of Israel* had to be saved *first*. But when Israel *refused* to be saved and be used of God to reach the Gentiles, God saved Paul and sent him *directly* to the Gentiles. And God is using Peter to

*introduce* this revolutionary change here in Acts 10 by breaking the ice and sending *him* to a Gentile.

Another way of saying that the Gentiles were no longer unclean (10:28) is that God had “put no difference” between Jew and Gentiles (Acts 15:7). That’s certainly a whole lot different than when God told the Jews to “*put difference*” between them (Lev.20:24,25)!

Believe it or not, Peter still doesn’t know why God sent him to the Gentiles, so he asks (10:29). The “therefore” tells us that the only reason he came was because God told him Gentiles weren’t unclean. God hadn’t told him to preach to them, and he knew he *shouldn’t* preach to them until all Israel was saved. But once the Spirit told him to at least *go* to a Gentile, he went “without gainsaying”—without resist-ing. That’s a good attitude for us to have as well (cf. Psalm 119:60), as soon as we know what God wants *us* to do.

The “man” that Cornelius said God sent to him (10:30) was *an angel* (10:3). There are no female angels in the Bible, despite all the paintings you’ve seen that suggest there are. But while God used angels to minister to people before the Bible was complete, He’s *not* sending them to minister to us.

That’s why no man has seen an angel (Col.2:18), and it’s how Paul could know that God wouldn’t send an angel to announce any new dispensational changes (Gal.1:8). He couldn’t say that unless he knew God *wouldn’t* send an angel to us. All that angels do today in the dispensation of grace is *watch us* (I Cor. 4:9) to learn the mystery (Eph.3:9,10).

Cornelius’ description of the angel as being garbed in “bright clothing” matches other Bible descriptions that we have of angels (Matthew 28:3; Luke 24:4; Acts 1:10). That means in some sense they were made in God’s image just as we are, for He too is clothed with light (Ps.104:1,2). Adam and Eve were probably also clothed with light—light which probably *disappeared* when they sinned, and that’s how they knew they were naked.

In eternity to come, Jewish kingdom saints will be clothed with light in their kingdom (Mt.13:43) and we’ll be in ours (ICor.15:41). If you’re saved, you have a “bright” future ahead of you!

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November 8, 2020

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

*Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart*

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Ricky Kurth*

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

*Myrtle Harrison*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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