

FAITH TOWARD GOD

Acts 10:23-43

Question : 1

Why didn't God just use the Angel
To preach the good news to Cornelius?

He commanded us to preach

(Acts 10:42 ESV) And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

To whom...

- has God given the Ministry of Reconciliation?
(2 Cor 5:18)
- did Jesus give the Great Commission?
(Mat 28:18)
- did Jesus call to be salt of the earth? (Mat 5:13)
- did Jesus call to be light of the world? (Mat 5:14)
- did Paul say to make the most of every opportunity? (Col 4:5)
- did Peter say always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have? (1 Pet 3:15)

US!

Question : 2

Why were Peter and his companions so surprised when Cornelius and his friends had gotten saved?

Every Nation

*but in every nation anyone who fears him
and does what is right is acceptable to him.*
(Acts 10:25 ESV)

Question: 3

Why didn't Peter lead them in the sinners prayer.

Peter Preached the Gospel...

- 1.) They knew : God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He did many good things.
- 2.) Peter tells them what they might have known: That Jesus was put to death but God raised him on the third day.
- 3.) Peter informs them that he was a witness of the resurrection
- 4.) Peter tells them that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
- 5.) Peter tells them that all this was predicted by the prophets
- 6.) Peter says “Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Question: 4

Why did they speak in tongues
right away_____.

The Promise

(Acts 2:38-39 ESV) And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Evidence of salvation

Acts 10:47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

Gentiles can also be saved!

(Acts 11:17-18 ESV) If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Question: 5

Why did Peter immediately have them baptized?

Miracles

(Acts 5:12 ESV) Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

Peters shadow...

(Acts 5:15 NIV) so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

Abraham's steps of faith...

(Rom 4:12 ESV) and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

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The Biblical Model for Baptism:

- On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41)
- Samaritans “*when they believed... they were baptized*” (Acts 8:12)
- The Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:38)
- The Apostle Paul “*arose, and was baptized*” (Acts 9:18)
- Philippian Jailer in the middle of the night (Acts 16:33)
- Ephesian disciples (Acts 19:5)

CONCLUSION