

Grace Beyond the Barriers

Acts 10:1-33

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God's grace calls us to go beyond the **barriers** of prejudice and beyond the **borders** of race.

1. God extends his grace to **sincere seekers** (10:1-8)
 - a. A sincere seeker **responds** to the light he is given.
 - b. A sincere seeking **sinner** will be found by the seeking **Savior**.
 - c. A sincere seeker understands that his religion **is not enough**.
2. God extends his grace through believers who cross the **prejudice barrier** (v.9-23).
 - a. Prejudice is **deeply rooted**
 - b. **Obedience** eliminates the prejudice barrier
3. God extends his grace through **circles of influence** (v.24-33).
 - a. When we meet with seekers we meet on **common ground**
 - b. When we meet with one it may open the door **to many!**
 - c. When we meet with seeking sinners – **God** is at work!

Let's take this with us:

- No one is **beyond** God's grace.
- We are not free to set up or maintain **barriers** of **prejudice** that keep us from contact with people.
- God is working behind the scenes in all the **encounters** of our lives.
- We must get up and **obediently go** to the people of our lives.
- **Religion** is not enough; it takes a **relationship** to be saved.