

THE RESURRECTED JESUS SAVES GENTILES - Acts 10 & 15

INTRODUCTION

1. Theme: preaching the resurrection of Jesus. Bible's message concerns life lived w/ God - eternal life.
2. Continue thematic study w/ focus on Peter, then Paul. Determinative role of Lk 24:44-48 and A1:8.
3. Overview of A6 & 7. Gospel, thru persecution, advances - [A8:1](#); [A9:29-31](#)
4. Persecution has placed Xns in Judea, Samaria [Galilee]: N.W. Jeru [still mid 30s]. Ptr: coastal cities of Lydda & Joppa, south of Caesarea [[A9:32ff](#)]
 - i. in Lydda - heals Aeneas [paralyzed 8 yrs]
 - ii. in Joppa - raises Tabitha [Dorcas] from dead & in home of Simon
5. A10 - Ptr preach to Gentiles in home of Centurion: Cornelius - v1-8 God-fearer: angel directs to send for Ptr; v9-16 Ptr's vision of unclean animals
 - i. command: *get up Ptr; kill & eat* - Ptr refuses: occurs 3x. Men arrive & escort Cornelius' home - v24-33 Ptr arrives, is welcomed - [v33](#).
 - ii. Cornelius knew of Jesus' earthly mission [[v37-38](#)]; but His death & res as interp'd by prophets unknown. HS given reminiscent of Pentecost

1st: Peter Preaches the Resurrection of Jesus to Cornelius - [A 10:34-48](#)

1. [v34-36](#) Ptr perceives meaning of vision of unclean food: God w/o partiality
 - 0i. [v35](#) => God-fearers presented as eager recipients of gospel [Lydia in Phil 16:14-15; in Thes - 17:4; & in Cor - 18:7]
 - ii. [v36](#) - message entrusted to OCov Israel now proclaimed to all
 - iii. A tectonic shift for Ptr - 2C 5:16; 2C 6:2
2. [v36-39a](#) - Ptr is *witness* to what they already know re: Jesus' ministry
3. [v39b](#) *also* = there's more to the story - the significance of Jesus' death & res
4. [v40-41](#) Ptr is *witness*. [v39](#) *they put Him to death* - [v40](#) *God raised Him up*
5. Res'd Jesus commissioned apostles to *preach & solemnly testify* - [v42-43](#)
 - i. Lk 24:44-48 exactly what Ptr does - [v42](#)
 - ii. Ptr interps res as enthronement & that Jesus is *Judge & Lord of all*
 - a. God overturned injustice of corrupt human courts - Lk 22:69.
 - b. Requires legal, forensic vocab w/ signif in God's court-temple
 - c. Gospel is a summons from King w/ eternal consequences
 - iii. Jesus as Judge - promise of *forgiveness of sins*. For whom? *Everyone who believes in Him*. Based on judgment executed on Jesus' cross/res
6. [v44](#) - HS is given in conjunction w/ the gospel
7. [v45-48](#) Gentile believers receive HS & Jewish believers given a sign: tongues - cf A19:6 in Ephesus. HS confirms removal of barriers tw/ men.
 - i. Baptized - nascent church in Cornelius' household
 - ii. Jewish brethren stay: NCov fellowship [v45](#) *amazed*: new man in Christ

2nd: Peter's Testimony that the Resurrected Jesus Saved Cornelius - [A 15:6-12](#)

1. Some 15 /yrs later [49AD?] after Paul's 1st journey - questions re: inclusion of Gentile believers & necessity of circumcision for NCov salvation.
2. Ptr's last scene - recounts time w/ Cornelius: proves inclusion of Gentiles
3. Who included these believing Gentiles? The enthroned Jesus - A1:5; 2:33 - replicated in A10 - one new humanity alive & united in Christ.
4. [A15:8-9](#) vocab of "circum" is not explicit but the meaning is
 - i. [Dt 30:6](#) - promise of heart circum; [Eze 36:25-27](#) heart cleansing by HS
 - ii. Rm 2:28-29; Col 2:11
 - iii. Res'd Jesus cleansed Gentile's hearts by regen'ing work of HS = *circumcision of Christ* as promised by Moses & Ezekiel.
 - iv. [A 15:11](#) = A 4:12.

Applic #1: The Resurrected Jesus is the Judge of Mankind

1. [A 10:42](#) Jesus, by virtue of resurrection = *Judge of living & dead*.
 - i. 1st time res'd Jesus is identified as judge of mankind
 - ii. Judge now incorporated into all we have learned re: enthroned Lord
2. [A17:31](#) future judgment by *a Man*: proof = His res from dead- [A17:32-34](#)
3. This is an inescapable inevitability: we will each stand before Jesus as our Judge. Be judged by Him now in grace of cross/res or be judged by Him in JF in eternity of wrath.
4. Jesus as Judge is integral to proclamation of Jesus' res - [Jn 5:21-29](#).
5. Our salvation is salvation from the judgment of death. Jesus judges us in Himself - in His death & resurrection.