

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – October 2 – 7th
Doing Life Together – Inside Out Pt. 1

MONDAY: Acts 14:15, 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 1 Corinthians 8:5-6

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:2

OBSERVATION: Cornelius referred to “God,” not gods. As stated above, Cornelius was a monotheist. As a rule, Gentiles subscribed to the notion that there were many “gods” (cf. 1 Cor. 8:5-6). The depravity of Roman religion is vividly portrayed in the first chapter of Paul’s letter to the Roman saints (cf. 21ff). Even before he heard the gospel message from Peter’s mouth, Cornelius already had turned from idols to reverence a living God (cf. Acts 14:15; 1 Thes. 1:9).

TUESDAY: Proverbs 1:5, Matthew 18:4

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:33

OBSERVATION: Cornelius believed that God was an observer of human activity and interested therein. He confessed: “we are all here in the sight of God.” The phrase not only suggests that Heaven was aware of this meeting, but approved of it.

WEDNESDAY: Acts 28:28, Proverbs 18:15

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:33

OBSERVATION: The Gentile officer was aware that saving truth was embodied in an objective revelation which would issue from a man who had been appointed by God to instruct him. The group therefore was assembled to “hear” the things, i.e., “words,” (cf. 11:14) to be spoken by Peter. Cornelius knew he had received no special message from the angel, detailing the content of what he must do in order to enjoy salvation. He did not surmise that he could capture “spiritual vibes” from the atmosphere in some esoteric fashion. He did not subscribe to the view that he could merely follow the inclinations of his conscience and all would be right (cf. Pr. 14:12; Acts 23:1).

THURSDAY: Proverbs 9:9,10, Mark 10:15

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:33

OBSERVATION: This centurion acknowledged the sovereignty of Almighty God. He confessed that the Lord had “commanded” certain things to which human beings were amenable, and he was anxious to humbly submit.

FRIDAY: 1 Peter 2:1-2, Matthew 19:30

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:33

OBSERVATION: Cornelius recognized that he could not selectively obey the Lord. “All” was the goal. He said they were present to receive “all things” the Lord had commanded Peter to convey. How many there are today who would be so happy if only God allowed them “multiple choice” obedience.

SATURDAY: Acts 14:15, Revelation 22:8

KEY VERSE: Acts 10:25-26

OBSERVATION: The centurion conceded the authority of Peter, an apostle, as a spokesman for deity. He suggested that he and his family were there to hear from Peter the things that God commanded his apostle to tell them. Peter’s words would carry as much weight as if the Lord had spoken to them personally.