

SALVATION: SEQUENCE & SIGNS — ACTS 10

SEQUENCE OF SALVATION

ACTS 10:1-43



1 SOVEREIGN CALL — God Must Initiate

vs.1-20

⇒ God Prepared the Receiver — *Cornelius*, v.1-8

⇒ God Prepared the Messenger — *Peter*, v.9-20

- Salvation is the sovereign work of God in which He initiates the process (Jn.1:12-13; 6:37,44; 10:26-29; Ac.13:48; Ro.8:28; Ep.1:4). Sovereign call, yes, but the beautiful paradox is it also demands a human response.
- God not only prepares the receiver and messenger, but He ordains the very timing as a divine appointment.

2 SUBMISSIVE WILL — Response to Light

vs.21-33

- Cornelius is one of those who, in his heart, saw the God of Israel as the true God and had lived up to as much information as he had. But, he was not yet saved.
- Whenever a man wants more light (understanding) concerning God, He gives it to him (Ac.10:22; He.10:38; He.11:6).

3 SIMPLE PROCLAMATION — Introduction: Salvation is Available

vs.34-35

- That God is no respecter of persons cuts through the tension (Jew vs. Gentiles) in the air.

4 SALVATION IS IN CHRIST — Theme: Peace & Lordship

vs.36-42

- It is only Christ who can bring us to peace with God (Jn.14:27; Ep.2:14; 2Th.1:2; He.13:20).

5 SALVATION IS BY FAITH — Invitation: Whoever

vs.43

- Salvation is available to everybody who comes. This seemed to be revolutionary to both Jews and Gentiles.



SIGNS OF SALVATION



ACTS 10:44-48

1 SPIRITUAL POWER — Received the Holy Spirit

vs.44-45

- The moment you put your faith in Christ you receive the presence of the Spirit of God within you (Ek.36:26-27; Jn.7:37-39; 14:16-17; 16:13; Ac.1:8; Ro.8:9; Ep.1:13-14; 1Jn.2:27; Ju.1:19).

2 SYMBOLIC CONFESSION — Spoke in Tongues

v.46

- Why did they speak in languages? How else would the Jews know anything happened?
- The point of tongues is so the Jews will acknowledge the Gentiles have received the same gift of the Holy Spirit they received earlier (Ac.2).

3 STATEMENT OF BAPTISM — Identification in Christ

v.47

- Notice that the order of events changes. The Spirit comes before water baptism, not in conjunction with it (Ac.2:38) or after it (Ac.8:17). Luke records what happened, not what “should have happened.”

4 SWEET FELLOWSHIP — Request to Know More

v.48

- You can typically tell when someone is really saved, because they desire Christian fellowship (Jn.13:34-35; 15:12; 1Jn.2:9,11; 3:14; 4:20).

