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CORRECTIONS CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS
ACTS 10 and 11

I. WHO WAS THIS MAN? *(Bond)*

- A. Centurian of 2nd Cohort of Armies of Rome in Syria in A. D. 69. (Reg. cohort of 600 men. Auxillary cohort was 1,000 men.) Aux. stationed at Jerusalem
 - B. Captain in rank, over 100 men: Bold, steady leaders, prudent, able to stand and die. (Polybius, IV, 24)
 - C. Bible description even better than historical. 1-2.
 1. Man of sterling character, even in army life!!
 - a. Devout: Gr. "Pious attitude toward God."
 - b. Feared God: Gr. "Reverence toward God."
 - c. Gave much alms. Liberal, unselfish, loving.
 - d. Prayed always. Never fear a man of prayer!!
- FIRST misconception; Saved by good life! No. Read V. 3-8.**
FIRST undeniable conclusion; Cornelius better BEFORE conversion—in good moral life—than some Christians today, AFTER their conversion. (Christian ??)

II. HOW WAS CORNELIUS SAVED? Natural or supernatural??

- A. A sinner seeking light! Vs. 30-33. Prayer was heard.
- B. Gathered family and friends. 24 & 33. TO HEAR. V. 33.
Observation; He a better evangelist BEFORE his conversion, than some Christians, AFTER theirs!!! Explain
- C. Peter preached gospel to them. Rom. 1:16. Mk. 16. v 34
SECOND misconception: Saved by miracle. No! Gospel!!!!!!
Question: Purpose of miraculous? Get word to him.
- D. Hearers baptized of Holy Spirit to Confirm their right to ENTER the kingdom of Christ. 44-47.
- E. THIRD **MISCONCEPTION: Saved by H. S. baptism. No!!!**
- F. **EVIDENCE PROVING THEY WERE NOT saved by H. S. baptism.**
 1. Only one baptism. Eph. 4:5. Mk. 16. They had **two!!!**
 2. H. S. baptism is a **PROMISE**, not a command. Lk. 24:48
 3. H. S. baptism administered by **Christ Himself. M. 3:11**
 4. H. S. baptism accompanied by **miracles and inspiration**, & only twice. Acts 2 & 10.
 5. H. S. baptism is **not for salvation**, remission of sins, but for **CONFIRMATION** of God's plan.
 6. Water baptism is for **all** (Mk. 16), **one** bap. (E. 4), administered by **men** (Matt. 28), a **command** (Acts 10:48), for **salvation** (I Pet. 3:21.)

III. WHAT IS THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF ACTS 2:38???

- (another misconception)*
- A. Acts 2:38 says THIS IS promised to **ALL** believers!!
 Not same as 2-time occurrence only of giving H. S.

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- B. Gift of Acts 2:38 as universal as Repentance, Baptism and Salvation.
- C. Not miraculous, but through obedience to gospel.
- D. What is this Gift of the Holy Spirit then?
 1. All Chr. are temples of H. S. I Cor. 6:19-20
 2. All Chr. are given spiritual power for moral and spiritual goodness. J. 1:12, E. 5:17. P2:5
 3. All Chr. receive untold Spr. blessings. Eph. 1:3. II Pet. 1:4.
 4. All Chr. show outward signs of residence of H. S. within. Gal. 5:22-25. Fruits of Spirit.

CONCLUSION: Gift of Holy Spirit is: the promise of possession and blessings of H. S. in our daily lives.

INV: Bible today takes the place of the Angel, Spirit, Visions and Trance of Acts 10. Guides then!

The Saved today are saved by the same gospel that saved Cornelius and his friends. Rom. 1:16

If lost; can be saved like Cornelius.

If gone astray; need to turn back in REPENTANCE. Acts 8:22.

Place membership.