

Everyday FAITH Family Page

New Testament 5

Law/Gospel

Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead and rightfully condemns me to death and hell because of my sin. **Because of His saving work on the cross, Jesus forgives my sins and promises me eternal life.**

Bible Words

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:13

Sing

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lest His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

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Peter and Cornelius

Acts 10

The first followers of Jesus were Jews who believed He was the promised Jewish Messiah, God's Son, and their Lord. However, they may not have understood when they saw Him heal and teach non-Jewish Gentiles and Samaritans.

At His ascension, Jesus told His disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20, emphasis added). To help the disciples understand what *all nations* meant, the Holy Spirit gave them God's Word, experiences, and revelations.

The Spirit led Peter to Cornelius, a Roman centurion serving with the Italian Cohort in Caesarea. A devout God-fearing Gentile, Cornelius gave generous alms and prayed continually to God. In a vision, an angel of God appeared to Cornelius and told him to send for Peter in Joppa. He immediately sent three men to ask Peter to visit.

Around noon the next day, God gave Peter three identical visions. He saw all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds descend on earth. A voice said to kill and eat. Peter refused. He did not understand; he never ate the unclean foods of the Old Testament covenant. While Peter was pondering all this, the Spirit told him not to hesitate to go with three men who'd arrived from Caesarea.

Peter invited the men to spend the night and they traveled to Caesarea the next day. When Peter met Cornelius, the meaning of his visions became clear. He said the law forbade Jews from associating with or visiting those of another nation, but God revealed to him that no one was common or unclean. Peter preached about Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius, his relatives, and his friends. All were baptized for the forgiveness of sins.

Sin makes all people equally unclean. Through God's Word and Baptism, the Holy Spirit delivers faith in Jesus, our Savior, and forgiveness of sins. In Christ Jesus, we are clean and acceptable.

Prayer

Jesus, open our hearts and minds to Your Word. May we, by faith, receive Your forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Amen.

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