Acts: Encountering the Holy Spirit

Could This Be The One?

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At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; He gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius... send men to Joppa and bring back a man named Peter..." When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. He told them everything that happened and sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:1-8 (NIV)

"Surely not Lord, I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." And the voice spoke to him a second time saying, "Do not call anything impure the Lord has made clean."

Acts 10:14-15 (NIV)

...three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them. Acts 10:19-20 (NIV)

Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them, "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean."

Acts 10:27-28 (NIV)

Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy. **Leviticus 19:2 (NIV)**

When a foreigner resides among you, do not mistreat them. Leviticus 19:33 (NIV)

Then to the Gentiles also, God has granted the repentance that leads to life. **Acts 11:18 (ESV)**

He saw... Acts 10:11 (NIV)

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US TO SEE GOD AS HE IS.

"All men can know of God and His love in this life is revealed in the person of Jesus. To seek to know God apart from His own self-disclosure in the person of Jesus is not only futile, but dangerous. Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways. He is the only way. He is 'the way, the truth, and the life." (Tozer)

God opposes the proud, but shows favor to the humble. **1 Peter 5:5 (NIV)**

Could this be the Messiah? John 4:29 (NIV)

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For thousands of years, we have been in pursuing truth. Without realizing that for thousands of years, the Truth has been pursuing us.

He is the visible image of the invisible God. **Colossians 1:15 (NLT)**

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being. Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US SEE OTHERS AS THEY ARE.

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (NIV)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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3. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US SEE OURSELVES FOR WHO WE ARE.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created... all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, <u>and in him all things hold together</u>. **Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. John 3:16 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit brings the wonderful mystery that is God to us. The Spirit of God is our teacher, and if he does not teach us, we can never know. The Spirit of God is our illuminator, and if he does not turn on the light, we can never see.

The Spirit of God is the healer of our deaf ears, and if he does not touch our ears, we can never hear.

The Holy Spirit comes bearing all these gifts and asks only that we listen. (Tozer)

