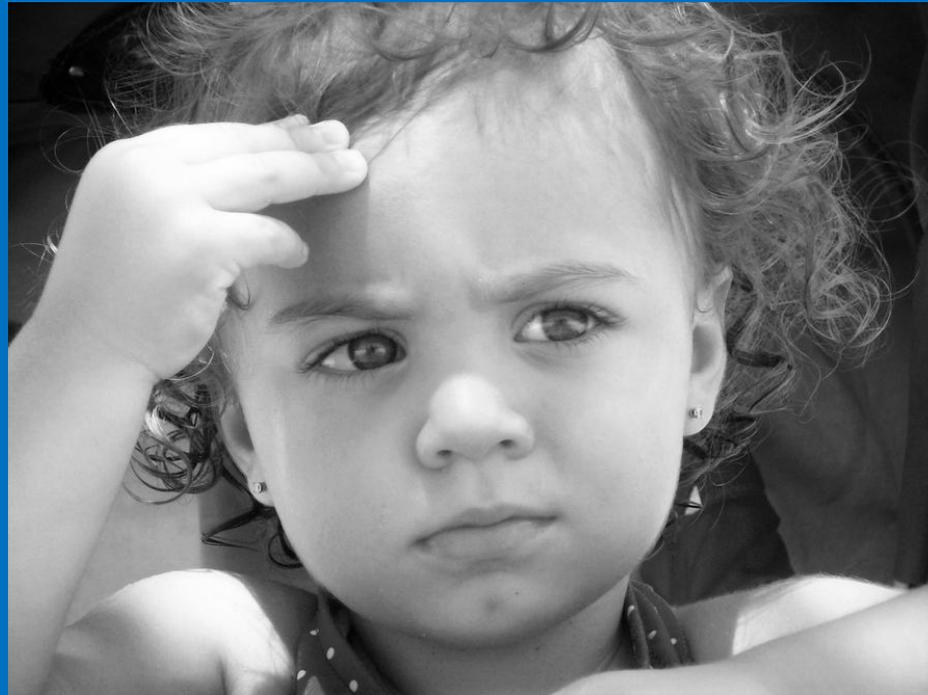


Religion or Relationship?

Acts Chapter 10 (Topical Message)



Acts 10:39-43 (NASB)

³⁹ "We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. ⁴⁰ "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. ⁴² "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

Religion without Christ

Acts 10:1-2 (NASB)

¹ Now *there was* a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and prayed to God continually.

Divine Messenger Sent

God connects the giver of the Gospel Message (to the) Hearer of the Gospel Message!

Acts 10:22 (NASB)

²² They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was *divinely* directed by a holy angel to send for you *to come* to his house and hear a message from you."

Is God sending you today to speak with someone under duress during the Coronavirus? Or are you the one who is praying to God for help and He is sending the Gospel Message to you?

Divine Message Explained

Peter delivers the Gospel Message to the household of Cornelius. But first, he explains again how he was prompted by the Lord to do this, and what the Lord has taught him about sharing the Gospel Message (Verses 32-38).

- a. God doesn't show partiality – Gospel message is for all men
- b. There is peace in your life through Jesus Christ
- c. John the Baptist paved the way for Jesus Christ

Divine Message Believed

Acts 10:44 (NASB)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

Religion or Relationship?

God wants your heart, not your religious works!

