

God Chose

How God Chose (Acts 9-10 ; Acts 15:6-18)

Last Wednesday Evening Teaching

Blessings and grace to you. This was taught at the Chapel Wednesday evening (1.11.2023).

Message title: God Chose...

Some things to note in this segment:

The people and places they were at.

To put it in Peter and the men of Joppa to send for Peter in Lydda and Peter to go to Joppa.

Peter hearing and speaking from God.

Mustard seed kind of faith.

Ezekiel speaking to the dry bones.

Jesus cursing the fig tree.

What is faith?

Faith sees, agrees, and acts, TODAY, on what God sees. That's the beauty of grace rooted faith. Nope, it doesn't need or demand to see everything that God sees, nor does it need to, for it sees enough, to take possession of what God promises right NOW, to propel the servant of God to live FOR His glory. The just, no doubt, live BY faith... or we can say, they live BY the word of God, which means, they live BY hearing from God and for Him. Glory...

There is no such thing as blind faith. It take light to see and a word to hear.

He believed God and spoke what he heard.

God's eternal message overruled the natural world.

He's speaking life. And the ultimate aim of it all — God chose to resurrect the physically dead to resurrect the spiritual dead.

For which is the very reason Peter came to Joppa and why God prepared him for a meeting with a

Gentile. Not just any Gentile, but the man God chose to make Himself known to, through the message Peter would bring to him.

Tanners - Joppa

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He chose to prepare Cornelius — The Receiver

He chose to prepare Peter — The Revealer

Devout A Responsible leader

Cornelius still needed a messenger that he could hear the message of Jesus.

Two men - both had a vision to prepare them for the work and will of God.

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Both had to Act in faith.

12 hour journey - 40 miles Both Gentile and Jew hated each other.

Jeremiah 16:19-21; John 10

The Divine Work of God

He chose both men, both Visions both sets of messengers- and both Men to come together.

God broke these barriers down...

John 3:16-21

Who comes to the light of the truth?

Cornelius is a chosen Vessel who comes to the light — that it can be revealed in him — that this is

the work of Good.

Paul, in Acts 9, was called a vessel of of election. A chosen Vessel... A Vessel of mercy.

Cornelius -15 A product of God.

He choses the receivers,

He choses the Revealer

He choses the proccess and path of His will

Jeremiah 16:19-21; John 6-

The Way Acts 9:1-2

The Way

Who are they that are of the Way?

Who called it that? What was the context when used by a believer?

- Who called it the Way?

Unbelievers who were anti-The Way.

You can go a little further and do a word study on a common word used in the following: Acts 19:9,23; Acts 22:4; Acts 24:14, 22. It may help you recognize how the opponents of the disciples of Jesus described

them.

- What was the context when used by a believer?

Who are they that are of the Way?

They are His believers.

They are His disciples.

They are His saints.

They are His called.

They are His church.

They are His bride.

They are His flock.

They are His sheep.

They can be seen doing what they do... in Acts 9:31

Gathering together — the called out assembly/the churches/the bride came together to serve one another.

Yoking to Jesus — rest and peace as the labored in the work.

Building Up — edifying and equipping the brethren.

Walking in — living life giving place to Jesus, as they walked in the fear of the Lord.

Comforted and Guided by — they were, as a way of life, called near and lead by the Holy Spirit.

Fishing for men — they multiplied as they leaned upon, followed the lead of Jesus and learned how to make disciples of the hostile world they lived among.

We see the three fundamentals needed to be effective witnesses that Jesus brought to light at the close of Luke 24.

The Savior (Jesus, His redeeming grace and eternal Presence applied.)

The Scriptures (The message of God's Son and His eternal Purpose.)

The Spirit (The Power of God needed for this work to be authentic and, therefore, to the glory of God.)

The Sheep (The Priority of each sheep is to follow the love, light, and lead of their Shepherd to exist on this earth for Him.)

The Subjects (The People for whom the Shepherd shed His blood to bring into His fold, who in due time

will hear, heed and honor His message, ministry, and mission.)

They, individually and collectively, fulfilled the heart of the mission.

What is the mission?

We have a mission to:

Reach people for Jesus, teach people about Jesus, equip people to serve Jesus, and mobilize people to go with Jesus.

Those who are of the Way:

They are the ones who call on His name.

They are those who bear His name.

They are the ones who suffer for His name.

We see each of these aspects in the disciples' life spoken of in Acts 9.

Those who call...Acts 9:14

Those who bear...Acts 9:15

Those who suffer...Acts 9:16

There's a lot we should do...

A lot we could do...

A lot we want to do...

A lot we can do...

But only one thing we NEED to do...

And that's what God asks us to do.

We have been and ASKED AND GRACED TO DO:

REACH hostiles for Jesus (Preaching)

TEACH disciples about Jesus (Teaching)

EQUIP the body of brethren to serve Jesus (gathering/
fellowshipping)

MOBILIZE the missionaries to go with Jesus
(partnering / kingdom minded thinking and living)

Lord willing there will be a little something to encourage and edify you in it. Blessings...

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#Joppa #lydda #jew #Gentiles #faithseesandagreeswithwhatGodsees #hearingisseeing
#kingdomlife*