

GOOD, BUT NEARLY MISSED HEAVEN.

Dear reader, a GOOD man once lived on this earth, so good that, even, God's word, as well as his own servants, testified about him.

Cornelius was his name, and his goodness is summed up, below;

TESTIMONY: FROM GOD'S WORD. [Acts 10: 1-3]

- He was a devout man,- [religious, pious, dedicated, spiritual man]
- He feared God. . [He hated evil, He **always** avoided evil things].
- His whole house (family) feared God because of his influence.
- He gave much alms to the people.[He was kind, charitable, liberal]
- He prayed to God, always. [Prayed several times each day/ night].

TESTIMONY: GIVEN BY HIS SERVANTS. [Act 10: 22]

- He was a just man.[Impartial, honest, moral, truthful, fair etc]
- He feared God.[He hated and avoided evil things]
- He has good report among all the nation of the Jews. [respected]

But, In spite of **ALL** of Cornelius' good credentials, something was still missing.

- Jesus Christ was missing from his life.
- Consequently, he was **GOOD, BUT CLOSE TO HELL,**
- Hence a crucial divine **intervention** was needed to guide Cornelius.
- He needed to go beyond goodness, and seek **salvation** to be SAFE.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO CORNELIUS: God's word said in Acts 10 :4 ".....**Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. 10:5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: 10:6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by**

the sea side: HE SHALL TELL THEE WHAT THOU OUGHTEST TO DO." [must do]

Dear reader, note the phrase "he shall tell thee what thou OUGHTEST TO DO."

→**GOD'S MESSAGE: TO CORNELIUS through PETER;**

God's word said in Acts 10:42 " And he (Jesus) commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he (Jesus) which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. 10:43 To him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness, that through his name (Jesus) WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM (JESUS) SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS."

Dear reader, note the phrase: "...WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS."[**Forgiveness of SINS**]

RESULT: He and his family heard, believed the gospel, and were saved.

CONCLUSION: Act 10: 1- 48, Isaiah 64:6, John 3:3.

- Cornelius' goodness alone was **not** enough to qualify him for Heaven.
- All SINS inherited from Adam must be washed by the **Blood of Jesus.**
- Qualification for Heaven depends on the righteousness **in** Jesus Christ.
- Cornelius needed to **invite** Jesus Christ into his Life as lord and savior

Dear reader, do you wannabe in **Heaven?** Then, depend on **Jesus!** P.T.O

God's word said in Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and ALL our **righteousnesses** are as FILTHY RAGS; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Jesus answered in John 3:3 "... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jesus said in Luke 13 : 24 **Strive to enter** in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and **shall not be able**

Jesus said in Matthew 13 : 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be **wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Jesus said in Mark 9 : 43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire **that never shall be quenched:**

Dear reader, NOTE this: The '**city of Hell fire**' can also be defined as; '**THE TRUTH DISCOVERED, BUT TOO LATE**'.

Please, is YOUR **goodness** near that of **Cornelius, Confirmed by HEAVEN?**

GOOD NEWS: No matter how great your **SINS** are, **YOU** can register

for Heaven **TODAY**, right **NOW**, and right **HERE.** Isaiah 1:18, 19. **How?**

- Simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died and Resurrected for YOU, personally. Rom 10 : 9-10
- Open your mouth and pray, audibly, a prayer of surrender to God, personally, accepting his Gift for you. Rom 10: 9 – 10 , 13

DECISION FOR HEAVEN

IF YOU WANT TO BE WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST , BE BORN AGAIN, AND ESCAPE FROM DEATH TO LIFE (John 5 : 24), THEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS .

- Lord Jesus Christ, I ACCEPT that I am a

- sinner. Rom 3:23, Is 64:6,, Ps 51:5
- I REPENT, confess , renounce and forsake my SINS, and receive your forgiveness 1 John 1 : 9
- Wash my Sins away with your precious blood, shed on Calvary Cross for me. Heb 9:22, 12
- Lord Jesus Christ, come into my heart today and be my Lord and Savior. I dedicate the rest of my life to you Rev 3 : 20, Joshua 24 : 15b
- Thank you Jesus that I am now born again, and for saving me. John 3: 3

PLEASE, CONFIRM YOUR DECISION AND COMMITMENT BY INDICATING

Your Name:.....

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Signature:.....

Date:.....

IMPORTANT: For you to remain in God's LOVE and grow spiritually;

- Read the Bible, especially the New Testament, focusing on the gospel of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** to know more about Jesus Christ and make Him your friend. 1 Peter 2 : 2. Pray always to God Luke 18 : 1
- Locate a Bible believing church where you can grow. Acts 2:47b
- Tell others about Christ, continually. Ezekiel 33 : 8

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