- I. God prepared Peter so he could work through him (v. 9-20)
 - A. God confronted Peter's prejudice
 - B. God corrected Peter's thinking
 - C. God gave him clear guidance
- II. God called Peter to obey him (v. 21-33)
 - A. Peter welcomed the Gentile visitors
 - B. Peter <u>submitted</u> to God and went
 - C. Peter explained his new understanding

""is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith." (Romans 3:29-30)

- D. Peter found a large group ready to <u>listen</u>
- III. God spoke through his servant Peter (v. 34-43)
 - A. The offer of salvation is for all people

"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him." (Romans 10:12)

- B. God sent His Son to be Lord of all
- C. Jesus had a powerful ministry on earth
- D. Jesus died for our sins on the <u>cross</u>
- E. Jesus was raised from the dead
- F. Jesus is the future judge of all people
- G. Jesus offers forgiveness through faith in him
- IV. God blessed the people with salvation (v. 44-48)
 - A. The people were saved through <u>faith in Jesus</u>

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

B. The people were filled with the Holy Spirit

C. The Holy Spirit's presence gave <u>validity</u> to their salvation

"God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith." (Acts 15:8-9)

- D. The people witnessed their salvation by <u>baptism</u>
- E. The Jews and Gentiles enjoyed <u>fellowship</u>

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." (Ephesians 2:19)