

**God's Kingdom is Open to Whoever Will
Trust in Jesus Christ: Part 2 – The Invitation
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Acts 10:23-48**

Review of the Initiation

God initiated the plan for His Kingdom to include all who believe.

vv.1-23

He sent an angel to Cornelius.

He persuaded Peter through a vision.

Preview of the Invitations

Peter invites the Gentile ambassadors to lodge with him.

Cornelius invites Peter to share the Gospel.

Cornelius invites his family & friends to hear the Gospel.

Peter accepts the invitation & shares Christ.

God invites Cornelius & the others to trust Christ.

Peter invites the new Believers to testify through baptism.

Closer View of God's Invitation

God's Invitation is –

1. For all people through His people. vv.34-36 (33,42)
Ephesians 2:11-13
2. Receive forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ. v.43
Acts 4:12
3. Peace with God through Jesus Christ. v.36
Ephesians 2:14-18
4. Receive the Holy Spirit as God's seal of grace, & call to service.
vv.44-47 Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:8-10
5. Identify with Jesus' death, burial & resurrection through
Believer's baptism. vv.47-48
Colossians 2:9-15, Romans 6:3-4

So what?

If you are not a Christian, receive His invitation: trust in Jesus Christ & join His Kingdom.

If you are a Christian, deliver His invitation: share Jesus Christ & grow His Kingdom.