

See How They Grew: (10) - Their Surprises

Acts 10.1-48

Key verses: vs34-35

- **God has no favourites 2 Cor 5.16**
- **God accepts all who do right
i.e. believe in Jesus, v43**

1. People need to embrace Jesus

good, respectable God-fearing people

Cornelius - a good job v1

- **a good father v2**

- **a good citizen v2**

- **a good pray-er v2**

- **a good reputation v22**

- **the boy done good! v4**

but he didn't know God in his heart

2. We need to overcome

our prejudices, vs9-23,28

➤ **racial, cultural, intellectual, social
who are we prepared to mix with?**

*beware of a sense of inferiority
- or superiority, awkwardness*

3. We need to be people of prayer, v9

- *a classic prayer triangle*
God, Cornelius, Peter
Col 4.2-6

4. We need to share Jesus, vs 33-48

- *Cornelius was open to listen v33*
- *how we can be accepted by God*
peace through Jesus Christ v36
- *the life and achievements of Jesus*
 - *divinely empowered v38*
 - *beneficial impact vs38-39*
 - *atoning death v39; Gal 3.10-14*
 - *physical resurrection vs 40-41*
 - *judge of all humanity v42*
 - *source of salvation v43*
forgiveness through faith
 - *the gift of God's Spirit v44*